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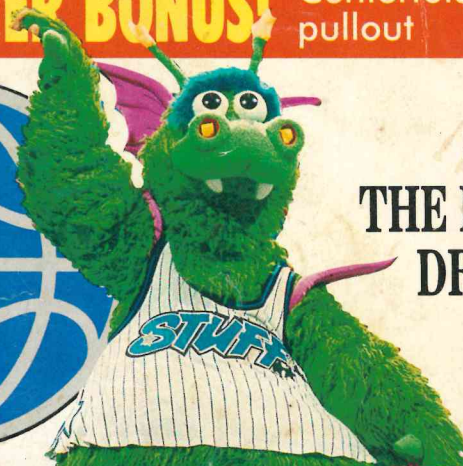
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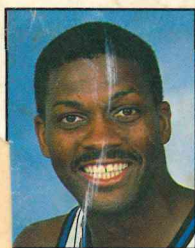


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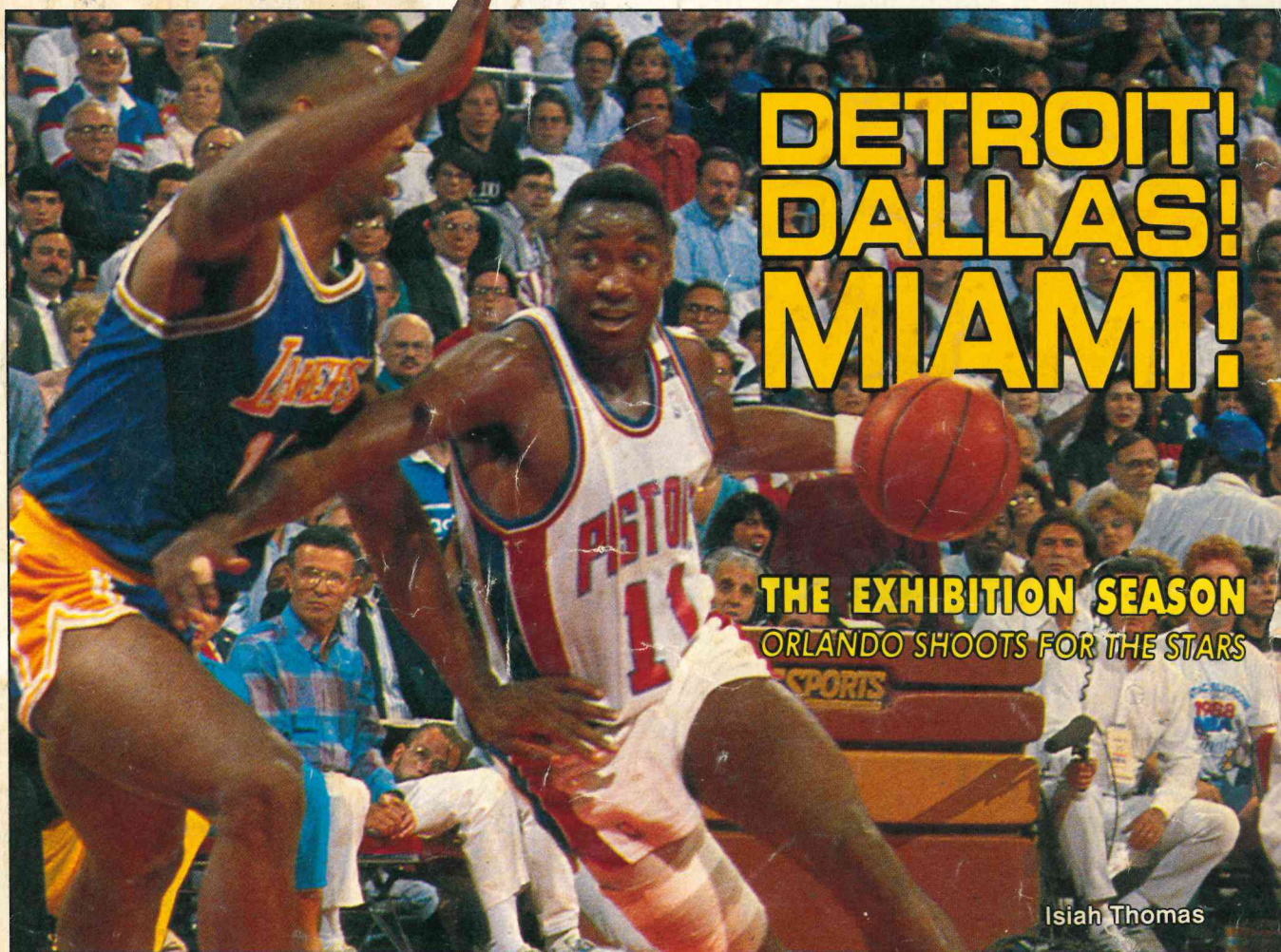


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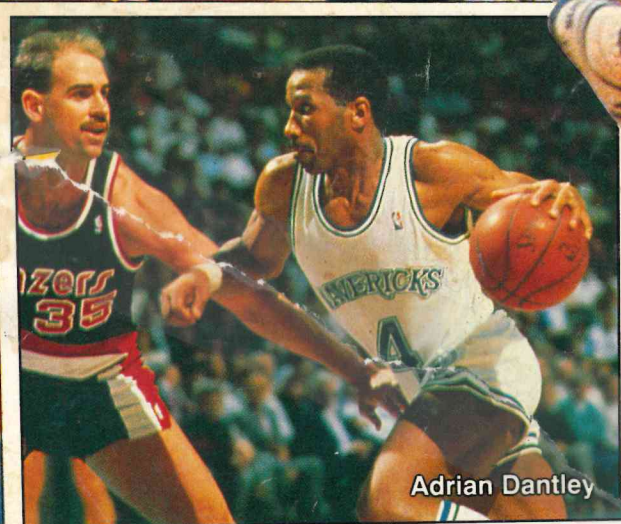
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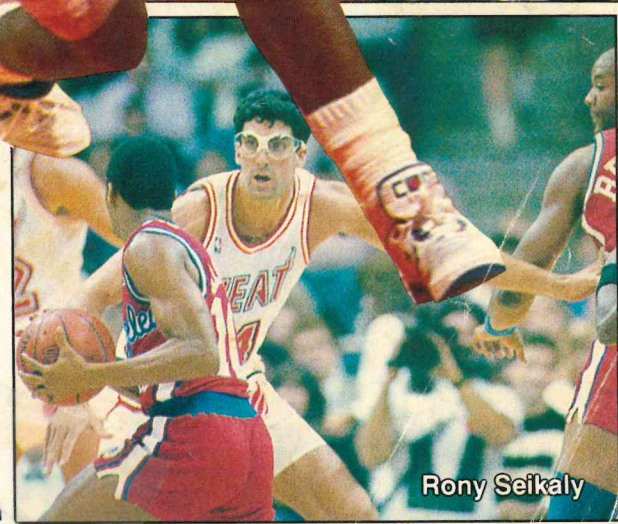
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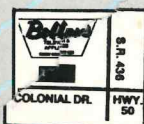
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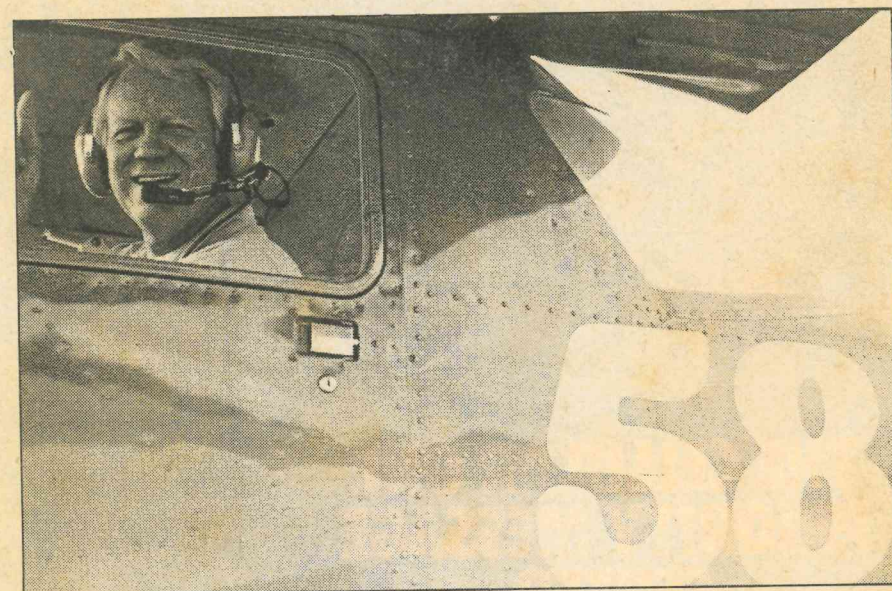
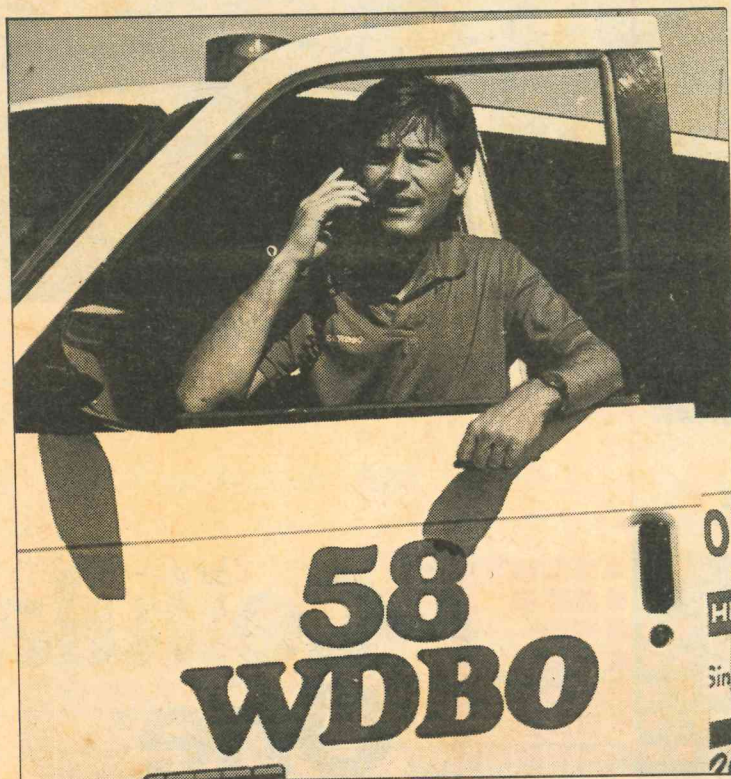
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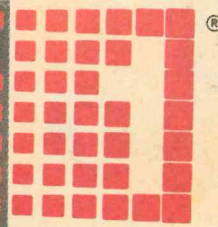
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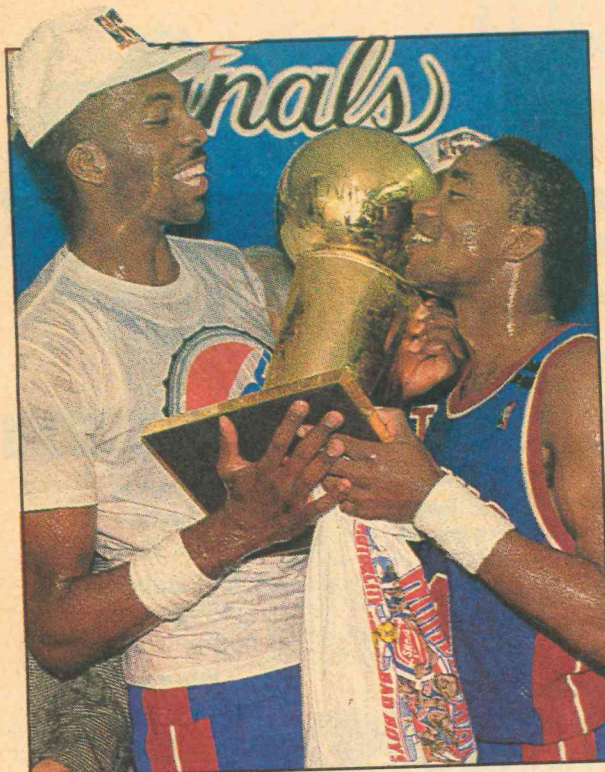
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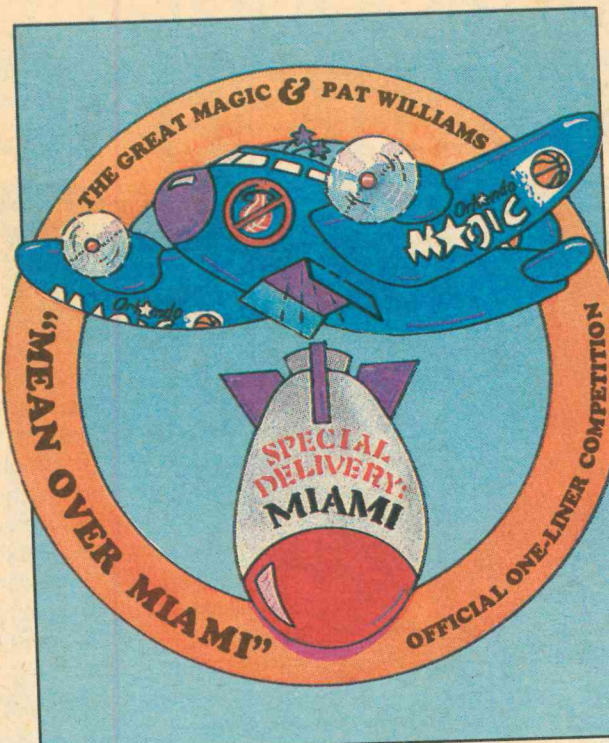


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REUNITED WE STAND

The 1989-90 inaugural season of the Orlando Magic brings together quite a few people who have played together in other cities.

Sidney Green and Reggie Theus played for the University of Nevada at Las Vegas while Sam Vincent and Scott Skiles were college teammates at Michigan State. Vincent was a teammate of Dave Corzine's last season with the Chicago Bulls.

Speaking of Chicago, Theus and Green were also Bulls during the 1980s, while Matt Guokas and Bob Weiss played for Chicago in the 1970s. The front office in Chicago was also home to the Magic's Pat Williams, where he was general manager in the early 70s.

SURE SHOT FROM THE CHARITY STRIPE

The Magic may breathe easier when guard Scott Skiles steps to the foul line this season. Skiles was one of only four players in the NBA last season who shot better than 90 percent from the charity stripe. Scott shot 93.7 percent.

MORLON WILEY'S MAGIC BUG

The most unique car in the NBA may very well be driven by Magic guard Morlon Wiley. Wiley arrived in Orlando behind the wheel of his favorite 1966 Volkswagen Bug.

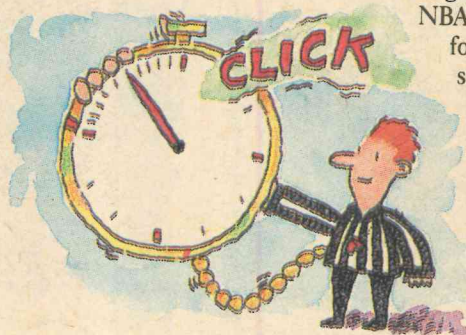
Morlon has enjoyed riding around Dallas in his signature ride, but won't be seen in it around Orlando for much longer. After five and a half years he has decided to turn in his Bug. There is no truth to rumor though that he will trade it in for a Magic carpet.

OH, REGGIE! SAY CHEESE!

Magic guard Reggie Theus doesn't mind facing the media.

Theus, one of the most quoted players in the NBA last season was named to the NBA All-Interview Second Team by the NBA Public Relations Directors Association.

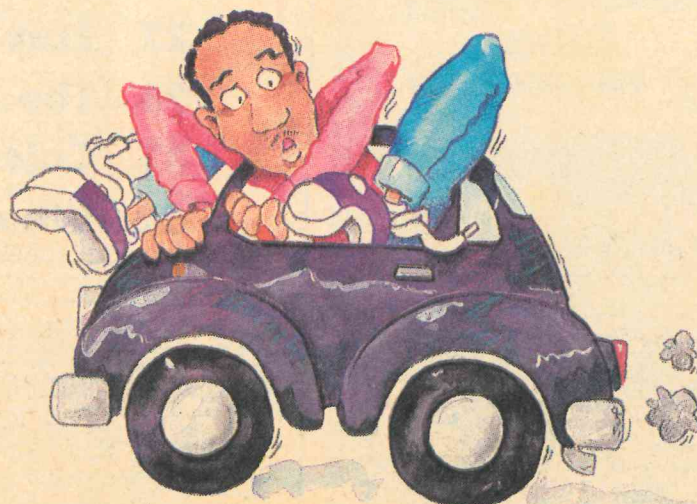
Charles Barkley, Karl Malone, Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson and Doc Rivers were all named to the first team. Look for Reggie to smile for the media in the inaugural season.



Who set the NBA record for victories by an expansion team? Answer later in this column.

MAGIC GOING TO HALL OF FAME

Magic is headed to the Basketball Hall of Fame. No, not Magic Johnson, although he will be there shortly after he retires. The Orlando Magic is headed to Springfield, Mass. as the Hall of Fame has requested



that the basketball, ticket, and box score from the inaugural game at the Orlando Arena be sent for historical preservation. It may be a few years before the first Magic player is enshrined in the Hall of Fame, but at least the Magic will be well represented until that day.

CHANGING THE RULES BEFORE THE GAME

Magic fans will have a few NBA rule changes to look for in the 1989-90 season.

When the ball goes out of bounds with less than 5 seconds remaining on the shot clock, the time that remains to shoot will not change.

Previously, the shot clock was reset to 5 seconds

in that situation. Clocks around the league will have a new look as teams are required to include tenths of a second during the last minute of every quarter.

LEAVING THEM HOLDING THE T

The Illinois Lottery has somewhat of a collectors' item on its hands.

It seems that the lottery ordered 200,000 T-shirts with last season's starters of the Chicago Bulls — including

Dave Corzine — to give away as prizes.

Corzine is now with the Magic.

BUCK, DUCK, LUCK OR YUCK?

Steve Bulpett of the Boston Herald recently offered this perspective on the Portland Trailblazer's trade for New Jersey's Buck Williams by saying, "Blazer leader Bucky Buckwalter was talking about new acquisition Buck Williams — or Bucky on Buck, who will play next to Duck (Kevin Duckworth). But as long as they keep Clyde they will be ... out of luck."

JUST TELL 'EM MOOKIE SENT YOU

The list of first names of those players picked in this year's NBA draft doesn't resemble one of your normal Tom, Dick or Harry.

Among the first names picked were Blue (Edwards), Mookie (Blaylock), Dino (Radja), Junie (Lewis), Vlade (Divac) and Pooh (Richardson).

TRIVIA ANSWER: The Chicago Bulls won 33 games and lost 48 in the inaugural '66-67 season.

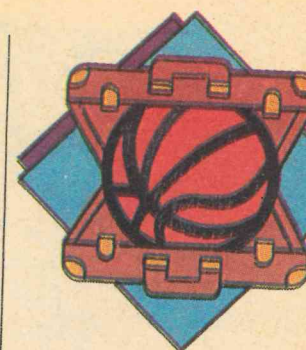
MICHAEL WHO?

Being one of the most popular figures in the NBA doesn't ensure one of having his name spelled correctly. When Michael Jordan arrived to play in Larry Bird's All-Star benefit this summer, the name on the back of his jersey read JORDON.

LOOK WHO'S TALKING

"Now that Nick Anderson has signed, whenever he travels by plane, he'll have to check his wallet as carry-on luggage."

— Pat Williams
Magic president
and general manager



GAMES BY MONTH

November
14 games
seven home; seven away

December
15 games
six home; nine away

January
14 games
eight home; six away

February
13 games
six home; seven away

March
14 games
eight home; six away

April
12 games
six home; six away



GAMES BY DAY

Sunday
6 games
three home; three away

Monday
7 games
five home; two away

Tuesday
16 games
10 home; six away

Wednesday
13 games
six home; seven away

Thursday
11 games
four home; seven away

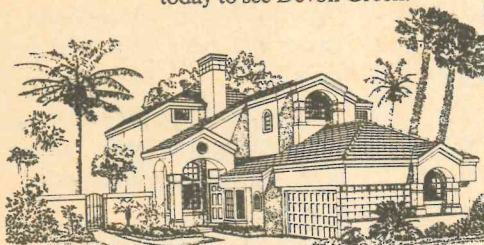
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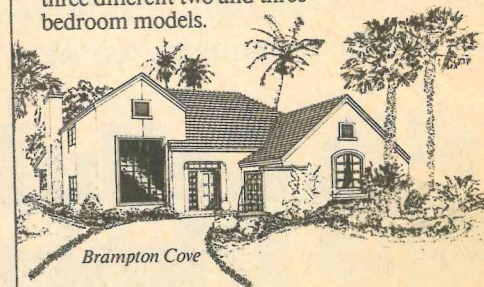
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TIPOFF

MATT GUOKAS

ACCEPTING A NEW CHALLENGE

Reflections on the past and a look at the future

In this premiere issue of Magic Magazine, both Magic President and General Manager Pat Williams and Head Coach Matt Guokas have written Tipoff columns to share their thoughts and insights with Magic fans. In succeeding issues, their columns will alternate.

I'll begin by telling you something about me and my background, and my coaching philosophy as I lead the Magic into their debut season.

I hope this will give Magic fans an understanding of me and Orlando Magic basketball. I am



really looking forward to the challenge of coaching this expansion franchise.

Since it was announced that

I would become the Magic's head coach, I've been fulfilling previous commitments in Philadelphia, as well as helping my coaching staff — Bob Weiss and John Gabriel — in putting the Magic together.

My last coaching position was with the 1986-87 Philadelphia 76ers. In two-and-a-half seasons as their head coach, I compiled a 119-87 record and made two appearances in the NBA Playoffs.

You could say I'm a native of Philadelphia in every sense. I attended Philadelphia's St. Joseph's High School, earning a basketball scholarship which allowed me to pursue my education at St. Joseph's University. I transferred from the University of Miami after my freshman season in Coral Gables.

I was selected in the first round of the 1966 NBA Draft by — you guessed it — the Philadelphia 76ers.

The Sixers won the NBA World Championship that season, exactly 20 years after my father, Matt Sr., and the then-Philadelphia Warriors

won an NBA title.

During my 10-year NBA career (1966-76), I also played on teams in Chicago, Cincinnati/Kansas City-Omaha, Houston and Buffalo.

My first opportunity as an NBA head coach came in 1984 — again with the Philadelphia 76ers.

Although one-and-a-half NBA seasons have passed since I held my last coaching position, the time I spent away from coaching has helped me stay prepared for this job. Broadcasting gave me an opportunity to see many NBA games and meet many NBA people.

There are three immediate goals our coaching staff hopes to achieve in our upcoming training-camp season.

First we must stress to the players how important it is that we be an up-tempo, high-scoring team. This team will work extremely hard on both ends of the floor, but if we're not scoring points, it doesn't matter how well we play defensively.

We'll also need to find out which players will form our best combination on the floor. Expansion teams are normally overloaded with younger, inexperienced players who haven't played together, and in many cases, hardly know each other. I believe however, that we have a solid mix of veterans and young, talented players.

Our final goal of the preseason camp: to find out what our two rookies — Nick Anderson and Michael Ansley — are capable of doing at the NBA level.

Remember that winning home games will be a key factor in the success of our season. There is no home-court advantage unless the fans are behind their team 100 percent.

I'm asking Magic fans to be the loudest, most supportive and most patient crowd in the league. ★

TIPOFF TOO

PAT WILLIAMS

MAKING OF 'MAKING MAGIC'

Noting how a dream begat reality in Orlando

The idea first hit me sometime in June 1986. It was shortly after I arrived in Central Florida, following my pledge to make the Orlando Magic a reality.

For some reason a sense of history prevailed in my mind. So one day upon leaving my office, I grabbed a legal pad and placed it under the front seat of my car.

I used the pad to make daily notations on what was happening — the unusual events and the disappointments. Sharing all of the joys, frustrations, fears and the different emotions that were going on in my life.

I felt that if, somehow or other, this concept worked, perhaps it would be a fascinating book, the making of a franchise, how it all happened, with a special inside view from the guy who was trying to bring it all together. As far as I knew, no book like that ever had been written.

That was the genesis of *Making Magic*, the book I co-authored with *Orlando Sentinel* sports columnist Larry Guest about how the Orlando Magic came into being.

There were many times in the early months when I asked myself, "Why am I really doing this? What purpose is it serving?"

I'd be scribbling notes while sitting in my car in the office parking lot, at the end of a long workday, stuck in traffic, at a park during a Little League game or while waiting for the children to finish swimming practice.

One day I shared this idea with *The Orlando Sentinel's* president and publisher Tip Livvendahl. "This might make a really good book some day," I told him. "If we get the team."



ABOUT THE BOOK

Making Magic is the history of the creation of the Orlando Magic, co-authored by Magic President/General Manager Pat Williams and *Orlando Sentinel* sports columnist Larry Guest.

The book takes you from the beginning of the dream of bringing professional sports to Central Florida to the reality of preparing the Orlando Magic team for the 1989-90 NBA season.

Making Magic is available at newsstands and bookstores throughout Central Florida. ★

That was the only time I mentioned it to him. The next thing I knew, Steve Vaughn, the newspaper's executive editor, contacted me and asked me to share the idea with Larry Guest.

After wrestling with it all — and with the Orlando Magic formally in business — we decided to give the book a whirl.

Each time, I'd translate from the pile of legal pads into a tape recorder. Larry would transcribe it, at his word processor and piece everything together.

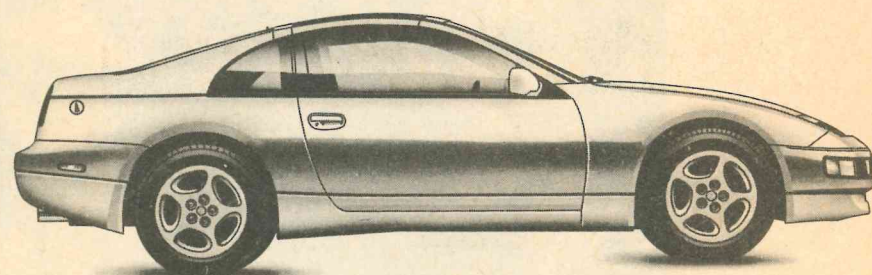
It took about four weeks of vacation time in the spring of 1989 for Larry to get it all fleshed out.

It was a fascinating adventure. This was the ninth book I had been a part of during the past 15 years, but it was easily the most difficult because there was just so much material to go through.

You'll find a little bit of most everything in the book. There's inspiration, humor and motivation, and there's the reality of seeing a dream come true. I think that even non-sports fans will find the book interesting and become absorbed in it. ★

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BY NICK SWEERS

The NBA exhibition season doesn't count.
True.
The NBA exhibition season isn't important.

False.

If you're the head coach of the Orlando Magic, the eight-game exhibition schedule may very well determine the direction your team will take in its inaugural season.

And there's more.

Magic Coach Matt Guokas says that winning exhibition games is as important as preparing the team for the grueling 82-game regular season.

"Different teams have different agendas," Guokas said. "You still go out and try to win. It's more important to a new team. It's important to us to experience that feeling of accomplishment."

In other words, Guokas doesn't want his team to come out of the starting blocks without confidence. And winning certainly ensures that feeling.

Don't count on luck for the Magic, however, when the team takes the court for its first exhibition game. Two things are against the men in silver, black and blue.

First, the Magic will play host to the World Champion Detroit Pistons at the Orlando Arena. It doesn't take an NBA scout to tell you that this is not the best team to test your expansion talent against.

Second, the game is scheduled for Oct. 13 — or Friday the 13th.

The Magic's exhibition season, a Tour de Florida, if you will,

concludes Oct. 30 when Orlando takes on the up-and-coming Cleveland Cavaliers at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Jacksonville.

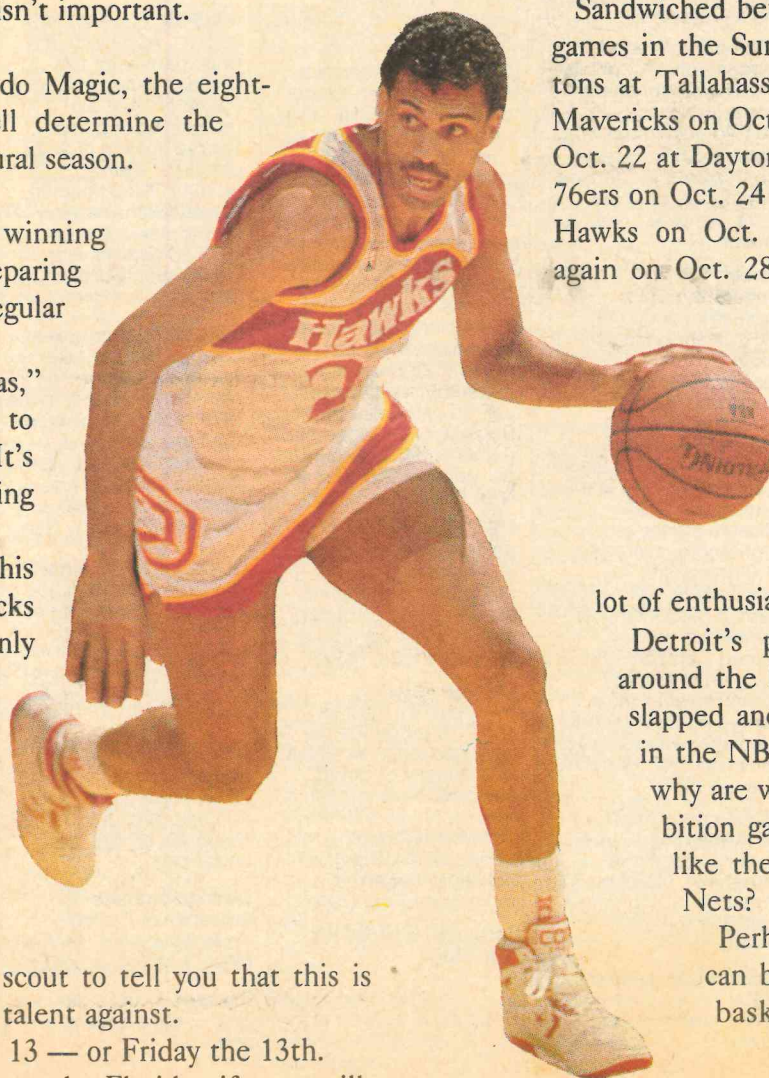
Sandwiched between Detroit and Cleveland are six other games in the Sunshine State: another match with the Pistons at Tallahassee's Civic Center on Oct. 14; the Dallas Mavericks on Oct. 21 at Orlando Arena; the Miami Heat on Oct. 22 at Daytona Beach's Ocean Center; the Philadelphia 76ers on Oct. 24 at the Lakeland Civic Center; the Atlanta Hawks on Oct. 27 at Tampa's Sun Dome; and Atlanta again on Oct. 28 at the University of Florida's O'Connell Center in Gainesville.

Guokas acknowledges he will have his hands full when the Pistons roar into town for the first exhibition game.

"We'll be playing the defending champs, the best defensive team in the league," he said. "It will be our first game in the Arena. There should be a lot of enthusiasm."

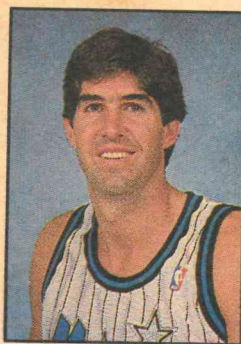
Detroit's players were known as the "Bad Boys" around the league last season. They are the guys who slapped and bumped the Los Angeles Lakers around in the NBA Finals. So, many a Magic fan might ask, why are we taking on these brutes for our first exhibition game? Why not a more compassionate team like the Los Angeles Clippers or the New Jersey Nets?

Perhaps Magic General Manager Pat Williams can best explain why Orlando is tipping off its basketball reality against the likes of Isiah



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Mark Acres

Forward/Center

Height: 6-11
Weight: 225
Birthdate: Nov. 15, 1962
Hometown: Inglewood, Calif.
College: Oral Roberts '85
High School: Palos Verdes Estates H.S., Palos Verdes, Calif.
How acquired: 1989 NBA Expansion Draft selection from Boston Celtics

1988-89 NBA playoffs: Made appearances in two of three NBA Playoff games.

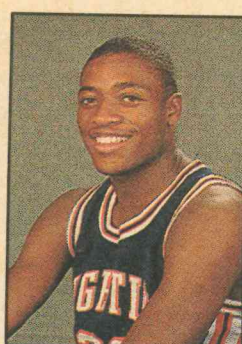
1988-89: Second NBA season. Saw limited action in 62 regular season games for the Boston Celtics, averaging 7.7 minutes per contest. Played in each of the Celtics' first 49 contests before becoming hampered by several minor injuries. Grabbed 146 total rebounds and scored 2.2 points per game, including a season high of nine.

NBA highlights/notes: Selected by Dallas Mavericks in second round (40th overall) of the 1985 NBA Draft. Signed by the Boston Celtics as a free agent (5/07/87). Played 1985-86 season in Italy and 1986-87 season in Belgium. Had most productive season in 1987-88 when he played in 79 regular season games and grabbed 270 rebounds for the Celtics.

NBA career-high performances: Scored 19 points vs. Philadelphia (12/20/87); 12 rebounds on two occasions vs. New York (11/18/87) and New Jersey (11/30/88).

College capsule: Led Oral Roberts in scoring and rebounding throughout his four-year career. Graduated as school's all-time leader in field goal percentage (.564) and blocked shots (164).

Personal: Wife's name is Veronique. Older brother Jeff also played at ORU under father Dick Acres.



Nick Anderson

Forward/Guard

Height: 6-6
Weight: 205
Birthdate: Jan. 20, 1968
Hometown: Chicago
College: Illinois '89
High School: Simeon H.S., Chicago
How acquired: Eleventh pick in the '89 NBA Draft

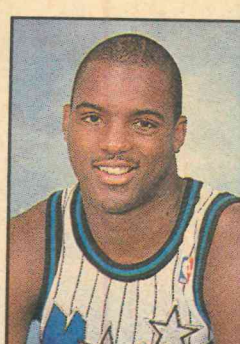
1988-89 NCAA postseason: Averaged 20.4 points and 9.4 rebounds in five postseason contests. Led Illini team that lost to conference foe and eventual NCAA Champion Michigan in Final Four. Voted Most Valuable Player of the NCAA Midwest Regional after leading Illini past Syracuse in finals.

1988-89: Led Fighting Illini to the 1989 NCAA Final Four. Leading rebounder and scorer for one of nation's top-ranked collegiate programs. Averaged 18.0 points and 7.9 rebounds per game. Unanimous All-Big 10 first-team selection.

Career highlights/notes: First collegiate draft selection in the history of the Orlando Magic. Played just two seasons at Illinois after sitting out freshman season. Finished sophomore season averaging 15.9 points and 6.6 rebounds. Named to second-team All-Big Ten in 1987-88 after averaging 18.1 points and 6.1 rebounds per game in conference play. Scored season high 25 points on two occasions that season vs. Ohio State and Michigan.

NCAA career-high performances: Scored 35 points vs. Ohio State (3/26/89). Grabbed 16 rebounds vs. Syracuse (3/26/89). Had 5 assists vs. Northwestern (2/11/89).

Personal: Averaged 20.5 points and 10.5 rebounds in senior season at Simeon High. Led team to 27-1 record. Was 1985-86 recipient of the Illinois "Mr. Basketball" award.



Michael Ansley

Forward

Height: 6-7
Weight: 225
Birthdate: Feb. 8, 1967
Hometown: Birmingham, Ala.
College: Alabama '89
High School: Jackson-Olin H.S., Birmingham, Ala.

How acquired: Second-round selection (37th overall) in '89 NBA Draft

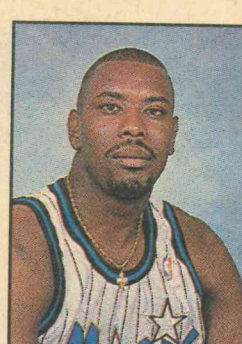
1988-89 NCAA postseason: Averaged 18.3 points, 7.3 rebounds and 3.0 blocks per game in SEC tournament, including 23-point, 13-rebound effort vs. Mississippi. Earned SEC All-Tournament honors. Scored 25 points and grabbed 8 rebounds in NCAA tournament loss to South Alabama.

1988-89: Averaged career-high 20.3 points and 9.2 rebounds per game in senior season. Earned unanimous first-team All-SEC. Became fourth player in Crimson Tide history to score more than 600 points in a season.

Career highlights/notes: Impressive outing at 1989 Orlando Magic South Summer League. Averaged 12.0 points and 8.0 rebounds per game. Finished collegiate career as Alabama's all-time leader in scoring (1,749) and rebounding (968). Became starter as a sophomore, averaging 11.0 points and 7.8 rebounds per game. Led team in rebounding in 14 games that season. Helped Crimson Tide advance to 1986-87 NCAA regional finals. Named All-SEC second-team after averaging 18.1 points and 9.2 rebounds as a junior.

NCAA career-high performances: Scored 31 points (on three occasions). Grabbed 17 rebounds vs. Vanderbilt (1/22/86) and LSU (2/14/87).

Personal: Nicknamed "Baby Face." Enjoys fishing, dancing, and biking.



Terry Catledge

Forward

Height: 6-8
Weight: 230
Birthdate: Aug. 22, 1963
Hometown: Houston, Miss.
College: S. Alabama '85
High School: Houston H.S., Houston, Miss.
How acquired: 1989 NBA Expansion Draft selection from Washington Bullets

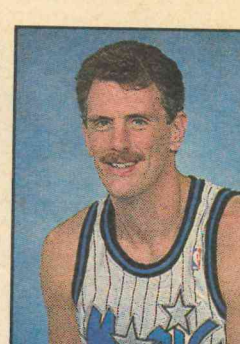
1988-89: Fourth NBA season. Started 77 of 79 games he played for the Bullets. Led Washington in field goal percentage (.490). Finished second in total rebounds. Averaged 10.2 points and 7.4 rebounds. Scored season high 26 points at New York (11/12/88). Grabbed season high 16 rebounds at Atlanta (12/01/89).

NBA highlights/notes: First-round draft choice of the Philadelphia 76ers in 1985 NBA Draft (21st overall). Averaged 7.7 points and 2.6 rebounds per game in rookie season. Improved to 10.4 points and 7.0 rebounds per game in 11 contests during 1985-86 NBA Playoffs. Acquired from 76ers along with Moses Malone and two first-round draft choices (6/17/86) in exchange for Jeff Ruland and Cliff Robinson. Averaged 18.3 points and 8.1 rebounds per game in the 1986-87 NBA Playoffs.

NBA career-high performances: Scored 32 vs. Milwaukee, (3/11/86), 20 rebounds vs. LA Lakers (1/18/87) and 7 assists as a Sixer vs. Washington (4/86).

College capsule: Averaged 21.7 points and 10.8 rebounds per game during three years at University of South Alabama. Finished fifth in scoring (25.6) and first in rebounding (11.5) among NCAA Division I individual leaders in senior season at USA.

Personal: Nicknamed "Cat Man."



Dave Corzine

Center

Height: 6-11
Weight: 265
Birthdate: April 25, 1956
Hometown: Chicago, Ill.
College: DePaul '78
High School: Hersey H.S., Arlington Heights, Ill.
How Acquired: Traded from Chicago (June 27, 1989) in exchange for second-round draft picks in 1990 and 1992

1989 playoffs: Played in all but one of 16 Bulls playoff games (5/14/89). Averaged 4.1 points and 2.4 rebounds per game. Scored playoff-high 14 points in 22 minutes in Game 5 of the Bulls' 4-2 series win over the Knicks.

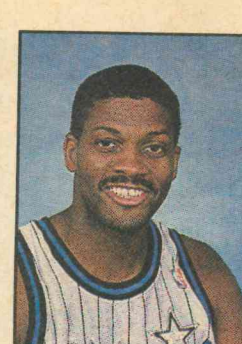
1988-89: Eleventh NBA season. Appeared in 81 of 82 games for the Chicago Bulls. Averaged 5.9 points and 3.8 rebounds per game. Scored season high 23 points vs. Detroit (4/7/89). Total minutes played for the season (1,483), fewest since 1979-80 season with Washington Bullets (826).

NBA highlights/notes: Corzine was the 18th overall pick of the Washington Bullets in the 1978 NBA Draft. Played sparingly in first two seasons. Traded to San Antonio (9/26/80) for second-round draft choices. Traded by San Antonio with Mark Olberding and cash to Chicago (7/22/82) for Artis Gilmore. Played in all 82 regular season games in six of 11 seasons. Did not play in 22 games of 819 career contests.

NBA career-high performances: Scored 35 points at San Diego (3/11/83) and grabbed 22 rebounds on five occasions.

College capsule: All-American at DePaul. Broke several of George Mikan's school records.

Personal: Wife's name is Lisa. Enjoys boating and golf.



Sidney Green

Forward

Height: 6-9
Weight: 220
Birthdate: Jan. 4, 1961
Hometown: Brooklyn, N.Y.
College: UNLV '83
High School: Thomas Jefferson H.S., Brooklyn, N.Y.
How acquired: 1989 NBA Expansion Draft selection from New York Knicks

1988-89 NBA Playoffs: Averaged 4 points and 4 rebounds per game.

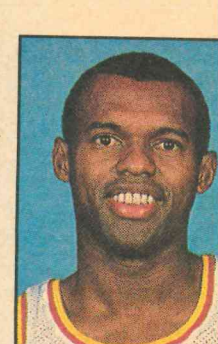
1988-89: Sixth NBA season. One of only two New York Knicks players (other is Charles Oakley) to appear in all 82 regular season games. Averaged 6.3 points and 5 rebounds per game. Pulled down season high 17 rebounds vs. New Jersey (12/13/88). Led Knicks in rebounding on four occasions. Tallied eight double-figure rebound games. Had five games in which he recorded 10 or more rebounds and points (doubles-doubles).

NBA highlights/notes: Chicago Bulls made him the fifth overall pick in the 1983 NBA Draft. Traded to Detroit Pistons for Earl Cureton and second-round pick (8/21/86). Dealt to Knicks for Ron Moore and second-round selection (10/28/87). Started all four games of 1987-88 NBA Playoff games vs. Celtics.

NBA career-high performances: Scored 31 points as a Bull vs. Cleveland (3/09/86) and grabbed 23 rebounds as a Piston vs. Milwaukee (12/30/86).

College capsule: All-time leading rebounder and second-leading scorer in history of UNLV basketball program. Voted first team All-America by several publications.

Personal: Wife's name is Diedra, has two children; daughter LaShawn and son Taurean.



Frank Johnson

Guard

Height: 6-3
Weight: 185
Birthdate: Nov. 23, 1958
Hometown: Weirsdale, Fla.
College: Wake Forest '81

High School: Summerfield H.S., La Weir, Fla.
How acquired: 1989 NBA Expansion Draft selection from Houston Rockets

1988-89 NBA Playoffs: Appeared each of the Houston Rockets' four NBA playoff games. Averaged 2.5 points, including single-game playoff-high 6 points vs. Seattle, (4/03/89).

1988-89: Eighth NBA season. Played in 67 contests for Houston Rockets. Averaged 13.1 minutes, 4.4 points and 2.7 assists per game. Season high performances included 17 points vs. Seattle, (3/03) and 7 assists vs. Miami (11/11).

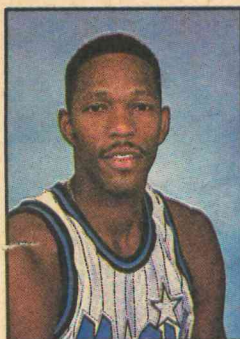
NBA highlights/notes: Drafted by Washington Bullets in first round (11th overall) in 1981. Traded to Houston with Tim McCormick, Tony Brown and Lorenzo Romar for Joe Barry Carroll and Lester Conner (11/02/88). NBA career has been hampered by severe stress fractures both feet. Enjoyed best season as a pro in 1988-89, averaging 12.5 points and 8.1 assists per game.

NBA career-high performances: Scored 36 points vs. Chicago and 15 assists vs. Chicago (1982).

College capsule: Five-year player at Wake Forest; missed 1979-80 season with fracture in left foot.

Personal: Wife's name Amy. Daughter's name Lindsay. Brother of former NBA player Edd Johnson. Cousin of Cleveland Cavs center, Tree Rollins.

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Jerry Reynolds

Forward

Height: 6-8
Weight: 206
Birthdate: Dec. 23, 1962
Hometown: Brooklyn, N.Y.
College: Louisiana State '85
High School: Alexander Hamilton H.S., Brooklyn, N.Y.
How acquired: 1989 NBA Expansion Draft selection from Seattle SuperSonics

1988-89 NBA PLAYOFFS: Appeared in four of eight games for the Sonics in the 1989 NBA Playoffs. Averaged 5.5 points.

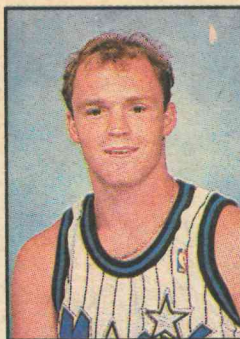
1988-89: Fourth NBA season. Appeared in 56 games for the Sonics, averaging 7.6 points and 2.0 rebounds per game.

NBA highlights/notes: First-round selection of Milwaukee Bucks (22nd overall) in 1985. NBA hardship case following junior season at LSU. Traded to Sonics for future second-round pick. During 1987-88 season with Bucks enjoyed career season highs in points scored (498), steals (74), blocked shots (32), field goals (.449) and free-throw percentage (.773), minutes played (18.7 per game), and games played (62).

NBA career-high performances: Scored 26 points vs. Detroit (11/28/86) and grabbed 12 rebounds vs. Washington (1/09/86).

College capsule: Played four different positions at LSU. Became the ninth player in the school's history to record more than 1,000 points and 500 rebounds. Voted to SEC All-Freshman team in 1982-83. Received All-SEC second-team honors as sophomore. Voted to All-conference first-team in final season at LSU.

Personal: Nicknamed "Ice" as a sixth grader. Honored as New York's Prep Player of the Year in 1980-81 after averaging 28 points and 18 rebounds.



Scott Skiles

Guard

Height: 6-1
Weight: 180
Birthdate: March 5, 1964
Hometown: LaPorte, Ind.
College: Michigan State '86
High School: Plymouth H.S., Plymouth, Ind.
How acquired: 1989 NBA Expansion Draft selection from Indiana Pacers

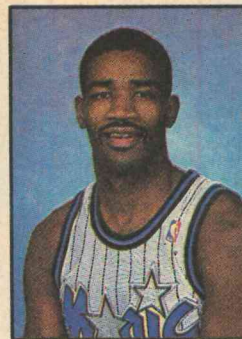
1988-89: Third NBA season. After seeing limited action because of back injury his first two seasons in the league, Skiles rebounded to lead the Pacers in games played. Finished second on the team in total assists (390) behind Pacers' guard Vern Fleming. Averaged 6.8 points per game. Scored season high 20 points vs. Philadelphia (2/14/89). Handed out career-high 17 assists vs. New Jersey, (12/28/88). Finished third in league (.903) among free throw percentage leaders.

NBA highlights/notes: Selected by Bucks in first round (22nd overall) in 1986. Traded to Indiana for second-round selection (6/22/87).

NBA career-high performances: Scored 20 points vs. Philadelphia (2/14/89), had 17 assists vs. New Jersey, (12/28/88), and grabbed 11 rebounds vs. Cleveland, (11/03/88).

College capsule: The Associated Press, United Press International and U.S. Basketball Writers Association voted Skiles to All-America team his senior season. *Basketball Times* national Player of the Year. Nation's second leading scorer that season (27.4). Holds MSU career records for points (2,145), assists (645), steals (173) and free throw percentage (.850).

Personal: Wife's name is Elizabeth; son, Scott Jr. Set national prep record for most consecutive home runs (4).



Otis Smith

Guard/Forward

Height: 6-5
Weight: 210
Birthdate: Jan. 30, 1964
Hometown: Jacksonville, Fla.
College: Jacksonville '86
High School: Forrest H.S., Jacksonville, Fla.
How acquired: 1989 NBA Expansion Draft selection from Golden State Warriors

1988-89 NBA playoffs: Averaged 6.5 points and 5.0 rebounds in three appearances for the Warriors.

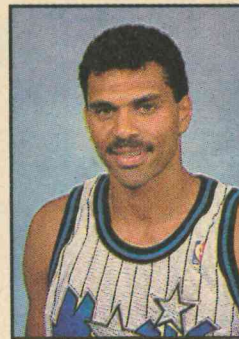
1988-89: Third NBA season. Appeared in a career-high 80 games for Golden State. Team's second-leading scorer off the bench. Averaged 10 points and 4.1 rebounds per game. Warriors won 13 of last 15 games when Smith hit better than 50 percent of his field goals. Scored season high 24 points and grabbed a career-high 13 rebounds vs. Indiana (3/02/89).

NBA highlights/notes: Second-round selection (41st overall) of the Denver Nuggets in 1986. Saw limited action as a rookie because of left knee injury. Nuggets sold him to Warriors for cash (12/22/87) 15 games into the 1987-88 season. In 57 games with the Warriors that season, Smith averaged 13.7 points, 4 rebounds and 2.6 assists.

NBA career-high performances: Scored 29 points vs. Washington (2/29/87), 13 rebounds vs. Indiana (3/02/89) and 7 assists in back-to-back contests vs. Lakers and (3/03/88) against Portland (3/04/88).

College capsule: First-team All-Sun Belt Conference for four consecutive years. Only player in JU history to have scored more than 1,700 points and grab more than 900 rebounds in a career.

Personal: Wife's name is JoAnne; son, Otis Jr.



Reggie Theus

Guard

Height: 6-7
Weight: 213
Birthdate: Sept. 13, 1957
Hometown: Inglewood, Calif.
College: University of Nevada-Las Vegas '78
High School: Inglewood H.S., Inglewood, Calif.
How acquired: 1989 NBA Expansion Draft selection from Atlanta Hawks

1988-89 NBA PLAYOFFS: Appeared in all of Hawks' 1989 NBA Playoff games. Averaged 7.4 points and 5 assists.

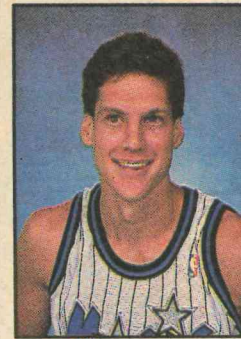
1988-89: In his 11th NBA season. Only player for the Atlanta Hawks to start all 82 games. Scored in double-figures on 69 occasions. Scored 20 or more points in 23 games. Finished third on the Hawks squad in scoring (15.8) and second in assists (4.8). Scored season high 32 points vs. New York (12/27/88). With 24-point effort at San Antonio (11/23/89), he became one of 11 players in NBA history to register at least 15,000 points and 5,000 assists in a career.

NBA highlights/notes: Ninth overall selection of the Chicago Bulls in the 1978 NBA Draft. Joined pro ranks as NBA hardship case following junior season at UNLV. Two-time NBA All-Star. Traded from Chicago to Kansas City/Sacramento (2/15/84) in exchange for Steve Johnson and three second-round draft picks. Traded to Atlanta (6/27/88) for Randy Wittman and first-round selection.

NBA career-high performances: Scored 46 points at Boston (12/22/82) and registered 18 assists on three occasions.

College capsule: Voted All-America and Most Valuable Player at UNLV following junior season. UNLV posted 78-13 record during his three years.

Personal: Theus is single. Enjoys hunting, fishing, tennis and modeling.



Jeff Turner

Forward

Height: 6-9
Weight: 240
Birthdate: April 9, 1962
Hometown: Bangor, Maine
College: Vanderbilt University, Tenn.
High School: Brandon H.S., Brandon, Fla.
How acquired: Signed as free agent July 12, 1989

1988-89: Played with Arexons Cantu Basketball Club in Italy. Averaged 19 points and 9 rebounds while maintaining a .570 field goal percentage. Displayed impressive 3-point field goal accuracy (.450) and free throw percentage (.870). Participated in 1989 Orlando Magic South Summer League. Averaged 7.6 points and 6 rebounds per game.

NBA highlights/notes: First-round draft selection (17th overall) of the New Jersey Nets in 1984. Saw limited action in three seasons with the Nets before opting to play professionally in Europe for two seasons. In his three seasons with the Nets, averaged 5.1 points and 2.7 rebounds in 15 minutes of action per contest.

NBA career-high performances: Scored 17 points at New York and grabbed 10 rebounds (12/18/86). Had 5 assists at Cleveland (4/09/85).

College capsule: Two-time Southeastern Conference All-Academic team selection at Vanderbilt. Finished among SEC individual leaders in scoring, rebounding, field goal percentage and free throw percentage in senior season. Member of 1984 Olympic gold-medal basketball team coached by Indiana's Bobby Knight.

Personal: Married college sweetheart, Dee Dee, a former member of the Vanderbilt women's basketball team.



Sam Vincent

Guard

Height: 6-2
Weight: 185
Birthdate: May 18, 1963
Hometown: Lansing, Mich.
College: Michigan State '85
High School: Eastern H.S., Lansing, Mich.
How acquired: 1989 NBA Expansion Draft selection from Chicago Bulls

1989 playoffs: Appeared in 15 of 16 games for the Bulls. Scored playoff-high 6 points, while dishing out 5 assists in Game 2 of Pistons-Bulls series.

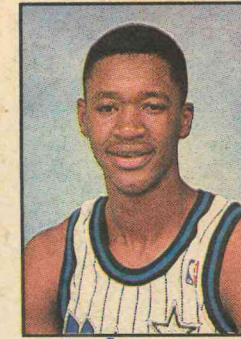
1988-89: Fourth NBA season. Started in 56 of 70 regular season games for the Bulls. Averaged career-best scoring average (9.4), field goal percentage (.484), minutes played (24.3) and rebounds (2.7).

NBA highlights/notes: Boston made Vincent the 20th overall pick in the first round in 1985. Lone rookie member of 1985-86 NBA World Champions. Traded to Seattle with Scott Wedman (11/16/87) for second-round pick and cash. Traded from Seattle to the Bulls for Sedale Threatt (2/25/88). Scored a career-high 31 points in 1988 NBA Playoffs vs. Detroit (5/12/88).

NBA career-high performances: Scored 31 points at Detroit (5/12/88), had 17 assists at New York (4/19/88) and 8 rebounds on four occasions.

College capsule: Named to first-team Sporting News All-America after leading Big Ten in scoring his senior season. Combined with Jay as highest-scoring brother combo in Big Ten history. Rejoins former MSU teammate Scott Skiles.

Personal: Wife's name is Carolyn; daughter is Airielle Jewell. Brother Jay is a member of Philadelphia 76ers.



Morlon Wiley

Guard

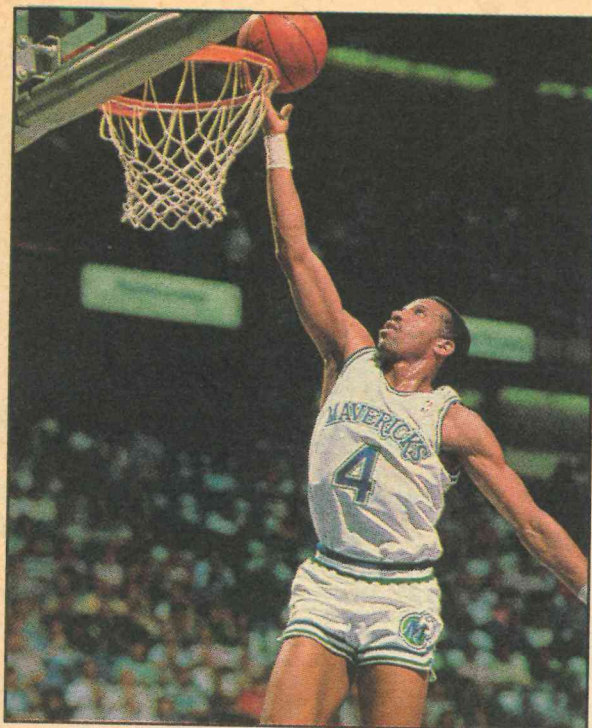
Height: 6-4
Weight: 192
Birthdate: Sept. 24, 1966
Hometown: New Orleans, La.
College: Long Beach State '88
High School: Poly H.S., Long Beach, Calif.
How acquired: 1989 NBA Expansion Draft selection from Dallas Mavericks

1988-89: Rookie season in the NBA. Saw limited action playing behind standout veteran backcourt of the Dallas Mavericks. In 51 appearances, averaged 8 minutes per contests. Averaged 2.2 points per game with a season high of 10 vs. Seattle, (1/12/89). Dished out season high 7 assists vs. Cleveland, (3/28/89). Made 6 of 24 three-point field goal attempts (.250) and 13 of 16 free throw attempts (.813). Solid performance in 1989 Orlando Magic South Summer League.

NBA highlights/notes: Second-round draft choice (46th overall) of Mavs in 1988 NBA Draft. One of nine guards brought into Mavs camp that season. Had to make adjustment from collegiate big guard to NBA point guard.

College capsule: Averaged 19.9 points in senior season at Long Beach, with impressive .513 field goal percentage. Voted to All-Big West first team. Scored career-high 37 points vs. Utah State as a sophomore. Long Beach broke streak of six consecutive losing seasons in his senior year.

Personal: Brother of former LA Clippers' and San Antonio Spurs' forward Michael Wiley. Led Long Beach Poly to 4A California State High School championship in 1984.



ADRIAN DANTLEY

Forward, Dallas Mavericks

Height: 6-5 **Weight:** 210

Born: Feb. 28, 1956, in Washington, D.C.

College: Notre Dame

Years pro: 13

You don't see many 6-foot-5 forwards in the NBA anymore. And when Adrian Delano Dantley retires, you're not likely to see one again. But Dantley isn't your average small forward. He plays big.

Dantley, traded last year to Dallas after two-and-a-half seasons with Detroit, likes to score. He has averaged 25 points during his well-traveled NBA career.

Dantley and the Mavericks will visit Orlando Arena Oct. 21 for an exhibition game with the Magic. If you think you might have difficulty spotting him on the court, just keep an eye on the free-throw line. Dantley shoots a free throw about nine times a game. He makes at least seven of those — and often more.

Last year with Detroit and Dallas, Dantley averaged 19.2 points per game. That's the lowest average since he played with the Los Angeles Lakers in 1978-79. Is he slowing down?

Perhaps, but he's still an exciting player to watch under the rim. And the 33-year-old Dantley hasn't lost too many steps since he starred at Notre Dame.

Keep an eye on Dantley. He may be ready to rattle the rim with more regularity again this year.

And don't tell him he's only 6-foot-5. ★



ISIAH THOMAS

Guard, Detroit Pistons

Height: 6-1 **Weight:** 185

Born: April 30, 1961, in Chicago

College: Indiana '81

Years pro: 8

Bet you didn't know his full name is Isiah Lord Thomas III. However, it's a safe bet you know he likes to kiss Magic Johnson during the NBA playoffs — at center court.

Thomas probably won't be kissing the Magic's Scott Skiles or Sam Vincent when the Detroit Pistons come banging on Orlando's door during the exhibition season. The Pistons will play the Magic Oct. 13 at Orlando Arena and Oct. 14 in Tallahassee at the Civic Center.

Thomas likes to smile. So much in fact that it drives opponents crazy. He has good reason to display his childlike grin — he's better than most people who guard or play with him.

After two years of Bobby Knight's barking at Indiana, Thomas entered the NBA draft as an undergraduate in 1981. Detroit wasted no time in making him its top pick.

Considering that Thomas led the Pistons to the NBA Championship last year, he looks like a smart investment.

Thomas has averaged about 20 points per game in his eight years in Motown. And like his best friend Magic Johnson, he's a quality point guard who can run, pass and shoot. ★



RONY SEIKALY

Center, Miami Heat

Height: 6-11 **Weight:** 230

Born: May 10, 1965, in Athens, Greece

College: Syracuse '88

Years pro: 1

Last summer in the NBA draft, a new expansion team from South Florida had the ninth pick from the collegiate pool. It didn't take it long to make a decision. It wanted a center to build its team around.

So Rony Seikaly, whose family had endured the shelling in Beirut, Lebanon, entered the NBA as a member of the Miami Heat. It wasn't the greatest season to write home about.

A dominating center at Syracuse, Seikaly was starting over as he studied the complex world of the NBA. He averaged 10.9 points and 6.7 rebounds in 78 games. A far cry from his 16.3 scoring and 9.6 rebound averages as a senior in college.

He closed out his Syracuse career as the school's fourth all-time leading scorer and its all-time leader in blocked shots and rebounds.

Seikaly will introduce himself to the Orlando Magic Oct. 22 during an exhibition game at the Daytona Beach Ocean Center. If the Magic should be looking for anything out of Seikaly, it should be improvement.

He has a history of showing that he's not at his peak just yet. Look for this guy when the Heat is on. ★

THE GAMES BEGIN

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Thomas, Joe Dumars and Dennis Rodman.

Williams said bringing the rim bruisers from Detroit to toast the on-court birth of the Magic was not what he had in mind two years ago when the schedule was being worked out.

"We looked around the league for attractive, up-and-coming teams," Williams said. "We said, 'Detroit's a

nice team.' Then, they went out and won the world championship on us. I can't say it was totally by design, but with Detroit we got more than we bargained for. We'll have our hands full."

Guokas, who plans to carefully scrutinize his players' performance during this game, agrees. So does Magic forward Sidney Green, who played for the Pistons during the 1986-87 season.

"They know how to win. I have no grudges against Detroit," he said. "After all, I used to be one of the Bad

Boys. And I know the value of winning."

Matt Dobek, the public-relations director for the Pistons, said this about the Pistons-Magic engagement.

"I'm afraid the game won't be a warm welcome in the NBA for the Magic. We have a lot of veterans on the team fighting for minutes. A lot of guys on the team will be playing hard to try to impress the coaches."

But don't worry, Magic fans. Guokas doesn't plan to throw in the towel. He plans to throw the ball into the hoop with reckless abandon.

The Magic's philosophy for this game and throughout the season, Guokas said, will be to concentrate on scoring. That's not to say defense will be overlooked, but the 45-year-old head coach wants to light up the scoreboard.

"We have a lot of guys like [Reggie] Theus, [Sam] Vincent, Green and [Terry] Catledge who can score points and put a lot of offensive pressure on the opponent," Guokas said. "But we don't want to turn the ball over, either."

Guokas, a former head coach of the 76ers and former NBA player, said the Magic eventually will employ a good defense. "It takes longer to be a good defensive team. It takes time to grow into that. In the meantime, we want to concentrate on scoring. We want to see if that's the best way to go out and steal some games."

The Magic will carry about 14 players into the exhibition season, and 12 will be offered a spot on the regular-season roster. But who will start?

Even Guokas isn't sure, thus the reason for closely studying his players' performances during the exhibition games.

At the center position, the Magic will highlight two veterans known more for defense than offense. One is Dave Corzine, a 6-11, 265-pound hulk with 11 NBA seasons to his credit. The other is Mark Acres, a 6-11, 225-pound rim banger with two years as a Boston Celtic on his resume.

At the guard positions (there are shooting guards and point guards to consider), Guokas will watch Theus, a former Atlanta Hawk; Vincent, a former Chicago Bull; former Dallas Maverick Morlon Wiley; former Indiana

Pacer Scott Skiles; former Golden State Warrior Otis Smith; and former Houston Rocket Frank Johnson.

At the forward positions (there are small forwards and power forwards to consider), one could argue that Guokas may be blessed with a plethora of talent. His toughest decision at this position very well may be deciding who starts and who finishes a game.

He has Green, a former New York Knick; Nick Anderson, the team's No. 1 draft pick from the University of Illinois; Catledge, a former Washington Bullet; former Seattle Supersonic Jerry Reynolds; Michael Ansley from the University of Alabama, the team's No. 2 pick in the NBA draft; and Jeff Turner, a free agent from Vanderbilt who played last season in Italy.

Although training camp did not open until Oct. 2, many of these players were practicing together in September. Eleven of the team's players were working out at the University of Central Florida, Trinity Prep and at the Winter Park YMCA.

Vincent said the unscheduled workouts showed the team was optimistic about its inaugural campaign. "We were taking steps to be a little more prepared for training camp," he said. Vincent, who said that going to an expansion team was "the best thing that could happen to me," takes the exhibition season seriously.

"It's important," he said. "It lets the veterans and rookies mingle. Most importantly, however, it gives us a good feel for what the coaching staff wants."

Vincent says the exhibition games are important in forming some sort of team "chemistry." Green says it's a time when players see if they can fit in with the team.

"Looking for chemistry" is how he explained it.

Guokas couldn't agree more. The eight games with Detroit, Dallas, Miami, Philadelphia, Atlanta and Cleveland will tell him a lot about the upcoming season.

"We need to find out who plays best together," he said. In other words, will Green and Anderson play well together at the forward spot or will Green work better with Reynolds when Skiles and Vincent are pushing the ball up the court instead of Theus and Frank Johnson?

The Magic are going to compete in the Central Division of the NBA, perhaps the league's toughest. That means they will meet Detroit, Atlanta, Chicago, Indiana and Milwaukee five times during the regular season. These are not so-so teams. Forget that *The Sporting News 1989 Pro Basketball Yearbook* predicted that the Magic would finish the season 35-47 and fifth in the Central Division ahead of Milwaukee and Indiana.

The exhibition season may be the most reliable crystal ball to determine how well the Magic did in its initial effort to build a team from unprotected veterans of other clubs, college picks and free agents.

Any way you look at it, the exhibition games should be a lot of fun. That's what basketball, the NBA and the Magic are all about.

Then on Nov. 4, the Magic begins regular-season play as it plays host to the New Jersey Nets. At that point, the exhibition season will be a memory as Guokas and his players try to knock off the established teams and rival siblings like Charlotte, Miami and Minnesota.

It should be a magical season. ★

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SCOUTING REPORT

TRAVIS STANLEY

Detroit Pistons

When the World Champion Pistons announced they were going to attempt to shed their "Bad Boys" image this season, 26 NBA teams sounded a sigh of relief.

But with the leagues' most talented trio of guards in Isiah Thomas, Vinnie Johnson and 1989 Playoff MVP Joe Dumars, they could do so without missing a beat and reclaim their title as the best team in the NBA.

The Pistons lost Rick Mahorn to the NBA expansion, but Bill Laimbeer, Mark Aguirre, John Salley, Dennis Rodman and James Edwards give them solid depth in the frontcourt.

1988-89 finish: (63-19); 1st in Central Division; Eastern Conference/World Champions; defeated Lakers in NBA Finals.

Key players: Overall strength remains with first seven players off their bench.

Rookie report: Draft selection Anthony Cook opted to play in Greece this season, leaving Mark Hughes as the lone rookie on the Pistons' roster.

1989-90 outlook: Strong contenders for repeat performance of 1988-89 season.

Predicted finish: 1st in Central Division; 1989-90 NBA World Champions.

PRESEASON ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos	Ht	Wt
23	Mark Aguirre	F	6-6	232
20	William Bedford	C	7-1	235
34	Fennis Dembo	F-G	6-6	215
4	Joe Dumars	G	6-3	190
53	James Edwards	C	7-1	252
—	Scott Hastings	F	6-11	245
30	Mark Hughes	C-F	6-8	235
15	Vinnie Johnson	G	6-2	200
40	Bill Laimbeer	C	6-11	260
—	Ralph Lewis	G	6-6	200
25	John Long	G	6-5	195
10	Dennis Rodman	F	6-8	210
22	John Salley	F-C	6-11	231
11	Isiah Thomas	G	6-1	185

Coach: Chuck Daly (Bloomsburg St. '55)
Assistants: Brendan Suhr, Brendan Malone
Trainer: Mike Abdenour

Dallas Mavericks

The Mavericks are coming off their worst season since 1982-83. Coach John MacLeod vowed to stay around and turn things around after he was rumored to be leaving for New York.

This season, the Mavs will benefit heavily from the 1988-89 acquisition of



'Sir Charles' Barkley and the 76ers invade Lakeland Civic Center Oct. 24.

veteran forward Adrian Dantley, who is in his first full season on the Dallas roster.

Forward Randy White (Louisiana Tech) is a solid preseason prospect for All-Rookie honors, and the Mavs' backcourt of Rolando Blackman, Derek Harper and Brad Davis must continue their steady play at both ends of the floor.

1988-89 finish: (38-44); 4th place in Midwest Division; failed to qualify for playoffs.

Key players: Blackman (19.7 ppg, 3.5 rpg), Harper (17.3 ppg, 7.0 apg), Dantley (19.2 ppg, 4.3 rpg).

Rookie report: White is expected to step in and make his presence felt immediately. Both Pat Durham and Jeff Hodge figure as long shots to make the roster.

1989-90 outlook: Mavericks hope to bounce back after their first losing record in six seasons. Dantley begins season with fresh outlook. Health of James Donaldson and Roy Tarpley will determine Mavs' success.

Predicted finish: Probable 4th-place finish (Midwest Division) in what could be toughest division race. Will make strong run to return to Western Conference playoffs.

PRESEASON ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos	Ht
33	Uwe Blab	C	7-1
22	Rolando Blackman	G	6-6
4	Adrian Dantley	F	6-5
15	Brad Davis	G	6-3
40	James Donaldson	C	7-2
12	Derek Harper	G	6-4
21	Anthony Jones	G	6-6
44	Sam Perkins	F-C	6-9
42	Roy Tarpley	F	7-0
41	Terry Tarpley	F	6-7
23	Bill Wennington	F-C	7-0
32	Herb Williams	F-C	6-11

Coach: John MacLeod (Bellarmine '59)
Assistants: Richie Adubato, Garfield Hear
Trainer: Doug Atkinson

Miami Heat

With one of the youngest rosters in NBA, the Heat undoubtedly will rely heavily on their newest addition to youthful stable, Glen Rice.

Rice, a 6-7 forward from the University of Michigan, will be expected to step in and solve the Heat's point-production problem of their first season.

The Heat also concentrated on solidifying depth in the backcourt by drafting Sherman Douglas (Syracuse), Scott Haffner (Evansville) and signing free agent Kenny Drummond.

Veteran guard Rory Sparrow, probably the most consistent Heat player last season, will continue to handle point guard duties.

Second-year players Rony Seikaly, Grant Long and Kevin Edwards will have to turn up their play a notch in order for the Heat to improve on the league's worst won-loss record of the 1988-89 season.

1988-89 finish: (15-67); 6th in Midwest Division; failed to qualify for playoffs.

Key players: Seikaly (10.9 ppg, 7 rpg), Edwards (13.8 ppg, 4.4 rpg), Long (11.9 ppg, 6.7 rpg).

Rookie report: Rice should make immediate impact; Haffner performed well in Orlando Summer League games (18 ppg) and could be one of biggest surprises in draft; Douglas could be biggest disappointment in NBA draft.

1989-90 outlook: Question mark remains on second-year talent; Heat success depends on fast, steady development of rookies; youngest team in NBA should show improvement.

Predicted finish: 6th in Atlantic Division.

SCOUTING REPORT

PRESEASON ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos	Ht	Wt
42	Pat Cummings	F-C	6-9	245
—	Sherman Douglas	G	6-0	180
—	Kenny Drummond	G	5-9	160
21	Kevin Edwards	G	6-3	190
40	Sylvester Gray	F	6-6	240
—	Scott Haffner	G	6-3	185
43	Grant Long	F	6-8	230
—	Glen Rice	F	6-7	215
4	Rony Seikaly	C	6-11	240
45	John Shasky	F-C	6-11	240
2	Rory Sparrow	G	6-2	175
20	Jon Sundvold	G	6-2	170
55	Billy Thompson	F	6-7	215

Coach: Ron Rothstein

Assistants: Dave Wohl, Tony Fiorentino

Trainer: Ron Culp

Philadelphia 76ers

For the first time in 11 seasons, the 76ers will have a new face directing the offense. Johnny Dawkins steps in for former Sixers guard Maurice Cheeks.

Dawkins and forward Jay Vincent, both acquired from the San Antonio Spurs, are expected to step in and give Mr. "Charles In Charge" Barkley help in improving on their 46-36 finish of last season.

The health of forward Cliff Robinson, and the improvement of second-year guard Hersey Hawkins also will prove vital to the club's success.

1988-89 finish: (46-36); 2nd in Atlantic Division; defeated by New York Knicks in first round of playoffs.

Key players: Barkley (25.8 ppg, 12.5 rpg), Hawkins (15.1 ppg), Mike Gminski (17.2 ppg, 9.4 rpg).

Rookie report: Kenny Payne should get playing minutes, but questions remain about his first-round selection. Florida natives Reggie Cross and Toney Mack to battle for roster spots at respective forward positions.

1989-90 outlook: 76ers hope for continued improvement after 20-game turnaround in 1988-89. Dawkins assumes role of departed Maurice Cheeks; must improve team concept and not rely solely on All-Pro Barkley; healthy Dawkins and Vincent should help in that area.

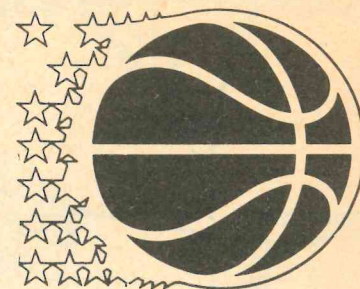
Predicted finish: 2nd place in Atlantic Division.

PRESEASON ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos	Ht	Wt
20	Ron Anderson	F	6-7	215
34	Charles Barkley	F	6-6	253
1	Scott Brooks	G	5-11	165
41	Reggie Cross	F	6-8	243

Magic's 1989 exhibition schedule

Date	Team	Site	Time
Oct. 13	Detroit Pistons	Orlando Arena	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Detroit Pistons	Leon County Civic Center, Tallahassee	9 p.m.
Oct. 21	Dallas Mavericks	Orlando Arena	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	Miami Heat	Daytona Beach Ocean Center	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	Philadelphia 76ers	Lakeland Civic Center	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	Atlanta Hawks	Sun Dome, Tampa	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	Atlanta Hawks	O'Connell Center, Gainesville	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	Cleveland Cavaliers	Jacksonville Coliseum	7:30 p.m.



54	Ben Coleman	F	6-9	235
7	Lanard Copeland	G	6-6	185
—	Johnny Dawkins	G	6-2	170
42	Mike Gminski	C	6-11	260
33	Hersey Hawkins	G	6-3	190
12	Gerald Henderson	G	6-2	180
30	Toney Mack	F	6-5	205
18	Kenny Payne	F	6-8	205
4	Cliff Robinson	F	6-9	240
11	Jim Rowinski	F	6-8	255
21	Derek Smith	G-F	6-6	218
23	Bob Thornton	F	6-10	225
31	Jay Vincent	F	6-7	220

Coach: Jim Lynam (St. Joseph's '64)

Assistant: Fred Carter

Trainer: TBA

Atlanta Hawks

Believe it or not, the Atlanta Hawks are coming off of a "disappointing" 50-victory season. Hawks President and General Manager Stan Kasten is running out of patience waiting for a shot at the NBA title.

For the second consecutive season Kasten and Coach Mike Fratello have made major off-season changes to the Hawks' roster. This year's squad adds the international flavor of 6-foot-10, forward, Alexander Volkov of the Soviet Union.

Veteran center Moses Malone returns for what may be his final season. With that in mind, Kasten signed backup center Jon Koncak to a 6-year, \$13.5 million deal. The injury problems of forward Kevin Willis may make or break the Hawks' season.

1988-89 finish: (52-32); 3rd in Central Division. Defeated by Milwaukee Bucks in first round of NBA Playoffs.

Key players: C Dominique Wilkins (26.2 ppg, 6.9 rpg), Malone (20.2 ppg, 11.8 rpg), Glenn "Doc" Rivers (13.6 ppg, 6.5 apg).

Rookie report: Former Orlando All-Star Classic MVP Roy Marble is expect-

ed to share time at positions. Haywoode Workman to make NBA transition.

1989-90 outlook: Hawks need to fill void left by guard Reggie Theus, who was acquired by the Orlando Magic in the 1989 NBA Expansion Draft. Expect reserves Cliff Levingston, Antoine Carr, John Koncak and Kevin Willis to play major roles in Hawks' attempt to dethrone Detroit as division champions.

Predicted finish: 3rd in Central Division; Hawks again fail to get past powerful Pistons and competitive Cavs.

PRESEASON ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos	Ht	Wt
12	John Battle	G	6-2	175
22	Dudley Bradley	F-G	6-6	195
35	Antoine Carr	F	6-9	235
33	Duane Ferrell	F	6-7	209
32	Jon Koncak	C-F	7-0	260
53	Cliff Levingston	F	6-8	210
2	Moses Malone	C	6-10	255
30	Roy Marble	G-F	6-6	190
25	Glenn Rivers	G	6-4	185
34	Ray Tolbert	F	6-9	240
8	Alexander Volkov	F	6-10	218
4	Anthony Webb	G	5-7	135
21	Dominique Wilkins	F	6-8	200
42	Kevin Willis	F-C	7-0	235
—	Haywoode Workman	G	6-3	180

Coach: Mike Fratello (Montclair St. '69)

Assistants: Brian Hill, Cazzie Russell

Trainer: Joe O' Toole (SUNY Cortland '60)

Cleveland Cavaliers

Expectations were high for the Cavaliers in 1988-89, but they ran into a hot Chicago Bulls team in the playoffs, especially one Michael Jordan. Jordan hit a last-second jump shot in game five of the Bulls-Cavs playoff series to eliminate the youthful Cavaliers.

Expectations again run high for Cleveland in 1989-90, and look for Cleveland to improve on their 57-25 record of a year ago. It will be tough for Cleveland

to win the Central Division because Detroit is expected to be as strong as it was last season.

In addition to the high-scoring Ron Harper and Mark Price, the Cavs return center Brad Daugherty and forward Larry Nance.

Add to that group highly touted rookies in former Orlando All-Star Classic participants Chucky Brown and John Morton and the Cavs will once again be a division title contender.

1988-89 finish: (57-25); 2nd in Central Division. Defeated by Chicago Bulls in first round of NBA Playoffs.

Key players: Harper (18.6 ppg, 5.0 rpg), Price (18.9 ppg, 8.4 apg), Daugherty (18.9 ppg, 9.2 rpg), Nance (17.2 ppg, 7.9 rpg).

Rookie report: Former All-Star Classic player Brown joins Cavs talent-laden roster of forwards; Morton will battle for limited playing time.

1989-90 outlook: Coach Lenny Wilkens hopes Cavs will make legitimate run at NBA title after early exit in '89 playoffs. Second-year forward Randolph Keys had productive off-season and could be a big surprise.

PRESEASON ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos	Ht	Wt
—	Winston Bennett	F	6-7	210
52	Chucky Brown	F	6-8	214
43	Brad Daugherty	C	7-1	263
24	Chris Dudley	C-F	6-11	242
3	Craig Ehlo	G-F	6-7	205
4	Ron Harper	G	6-6	198
35	Phil Hubbard	F	6-8	226
31	Randolph Keys	F	6-7	212
23	John Morton	G	6-3	180
22	Larry Nance	F	6-10	217
10	Craig Neal	G	6-5	165
25	Mark Price	G	6-0	170
30	Tree Rollins	C	7-1	240
18	John Williams	F	6-11	229

Coach: Lenny Wilkens (Providence '60)

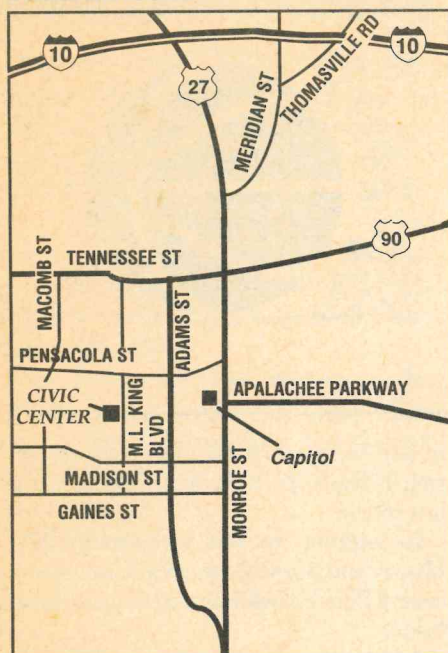
Assistants: Dick Helm, Brian Winters

Trainer: Gary Briggs

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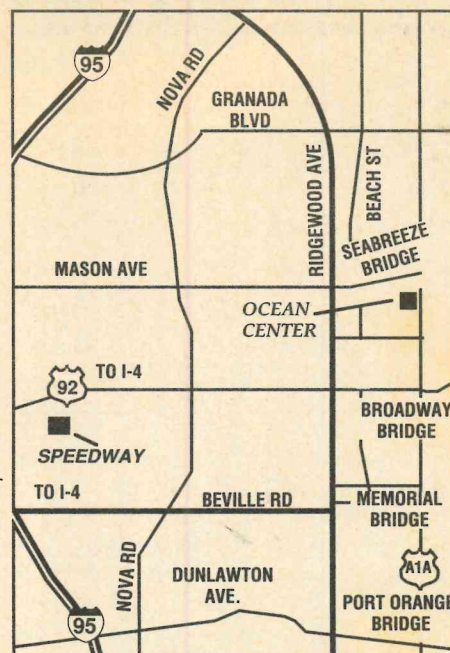
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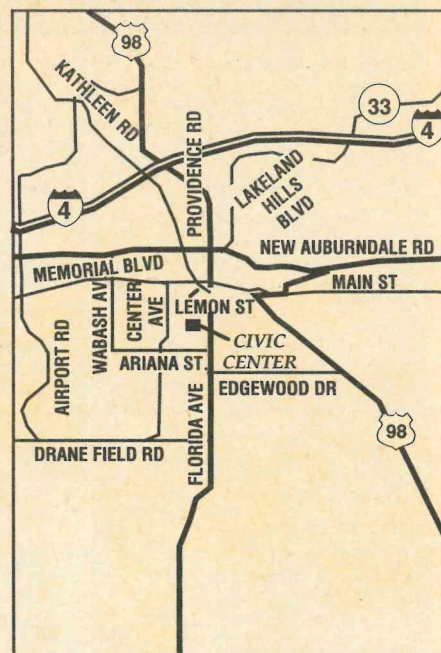
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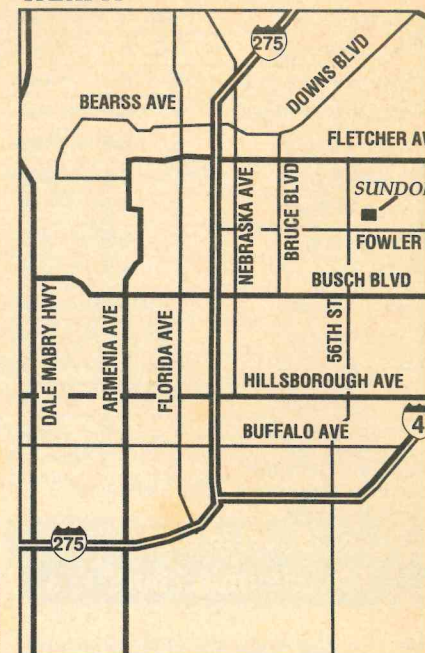
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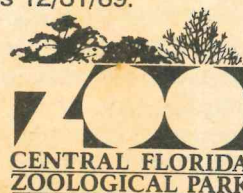
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"So much has changed in Central Florida in the last 20 years," says Garcia. "My family and I believed in this city when we first moved here and have not been disappointed. We have enjoyed watching it grow and blossom, and now with the Orlando Magic, our community is truly becoming a metropolitan community."

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On Nov. 28, Orlando will play host to the Miami Heat on a nationally broadcast game on Turner Network Television.

1989-90 Magic schedule

Nov. 4	New Jersey	7:30 p.m.	Jan. 27	Atlanta	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	New York	7:30 p.m.	Jan. 30	Indiana	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	at Cleveland	7:30 p.m.	Feb. 1	at Milwaukee	8:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	Detroit	7:30 p.m.	Feb. 3	L.A. Clippers	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 11	at Atlanta	7:30 p.m.	Feb. 6	New York	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 13	Atlanta	7:30 p.m.	Feb. 8	Philadelphia	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 14	at Charlotte	7:30 p.m.	Feb. 14	Chicago	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 16	at Milwaukee	8:30 p.m.	Feb. 15	at Atlanta	8:30 p.m.
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Nov. 21	at Sacramento	10:30 p.m.	Feb. 20	Seattle	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 22	at Utah	9:30 p.m.	Feb. 21	at Detroit	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 24	at Phoenix	9:30 p.m.	Feb. 23	at Cleveland	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 28	Miami	8 p.m.	Feb. 24	at Washington	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 30	Minnesota	7:30 p.m.	Feb. 26	at Philadelphia	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 1	at Indiana	7:30 p.m.	Feb. 27	Charlotte	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 4	Portland	7:30 p.m.	March 1	Sacramento	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 6	Atlanta	7:30 p.m.	March 3	Washington	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 8	at Miami	7:30 p.m.	March 6	Utah	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	L.A. Lakers	7:30 p.m.	March 7	at Miami	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 12	at Milwaukee	8:30 p.m.	March 10	at L.A. Clippers	10:30 p.m.
Dec. 14	at Chicago	8:30 p.m.	March 12	at Seattle	10 p.m.
Dec. 16	at San Antonio	8:30 p.m.	March 13	at Portland	10:30 p.m.
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Dec. 27	Indiana	7:30 p.m.	March 28	Miami	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 30	at New York	1 p.m.	March 30	at Washington	8 p.m.
Jan. 2	Detroit	7:30 p.m.	April 1	at Boston	1 p.m.
Jan. 5	at Chicago	8:30 p.m.	April 3	Golden State	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 6	Cleveland	7:30 p.m.	April 5	at Chicago	8:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	San Antonio	7:30 p.m.	April 6	Indiana	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	at L.A. Lakers	10:30 p.m.	April 8	Houston	2:30 p.m.
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Jan. 13	at Golden State	10:30 p.m.	April 13	at Minnesota	8 p.m.
Jan. 17	Boston	7:30 p.m.	April 14	at Detroit	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 19	New Jersey	7:30 p.m.	April 17	Washington	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 22	Phoenix	7:30 p.m.	April 18	at Boston	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	at Philadelphia	7:30 p.m.	April 20	Cleveland	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	at New Jersey	7:30 p.m.	April 22	at New Jersey	7 p.m.

Sunshine Network

Nov. 4	vs. New Jersey	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	vs. New York	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	vs. Detroit	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 28	vs. Miami	8 p.m.
Nov. 30	vs. Minnesota	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 6	vs. Atlanta	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	vs. LA Lakers	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	at San Antonio	8:30 p.m.
Dec. 17	at Houston	8:30 p.m.
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Feb. 27	vs. Charlotte	7:30 p.m.
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April 17	vs. Washington	7:30 p.m.
April 20	vs. Cleveland	7:30 p.m.

Magic Flagship Stations

Television — WKCF-Channel 68, Orlando.
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Magic Radio Network

WTBB-FM (97.7) Bonifay; WDCV-AM (1350) Dade City; WNDW-AM (1150) Daytona Beach; WXXV-AM (1490) Deland; WDKC-AM (1330) Fort Pierce; WGGG-AM (1230) Gainesville; WOKV-AM (630) Jacksonville; WDSR-AM (1340) Lake City; WLKF-AM (1430) Lakeland; WKZJ-AM (1280) Lake Wales; WJXR-FM (92.1) MacClenny; WTYS-AM (1340) Marianna; WSBH-AM (1230) New Smyrna Beach; WTMCA-AM (1290) Ocala; WFOY-AM (1240) St. Augustine; WTKN-AM (570) St. Petersburg; WNSI-AM (1400) Sanford; WAUC-AM (1310) Wauchula; WSIR-AM (1490) Winter Haven.

Magic Television Network

Nov. 8	at Cleveland	7:30 p.m.
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Jan. 24	at Philadelphia	7:30 p.m.	April 18	at Boston	7:30 p.m.
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Feb. 17	at Dallas	8:30 p.m.			
Feb. 23	at Cleveland	7:30 p.m.			
Feb. 24	at Washington	7:30 p.m.			
Feb. 26	at Philadelphia	7:30 p.m.			
March 7	at Miami	7:30 p.m.			

Turner Network Television

Nov. 28	vs. Miami	8 p.m.
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DIVISION BREAKDOWN

1989-90 season

EASTERN CONFERENCE	
Atlantic Division	Central Division
Boston Celtics	Atlanta Hawks
Miami Heat	Chicago Bulls
New Jersey Nets	Cleveland Cavaliers
New York Knicks	Detroit Pistons
Philadelphia 76ers	Indiana Pacers
Washington Bullets	Milwaukee Bucks
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WESTERN CONFERENCE	
Midwest Division	Pacific Division
Charlotte Hornets	Golden State Warriors
Dallas Mavericks	Los Angeles Clippers
Denver Nuggets	Los Angeles Lakers
Houston Rockets	Phoenix Suns
Minnesota Timberwolves	Portland Trail Blazers
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TWENTY QUESTIONS

WITH MATT GUOKAS

1 Victories aside, what would you consider a successful season for the Magic?

I'm looking for us to come into the season with a good team attitude. I want us to play hard and make constant improvements.

2 How do you see Orlando as a successful NBA town?

Much like Miami and Charlotte, the fans have to be behind the team. The fans in Miami and Charlotte have been very vocal. I would expect the same from our fans.

3 Where's the most difficult court to win a road game?

Every single one of them. It's no secret that there's a great home-court advantage in the NBA.

4 Who will be the most difficult NBA team to beat this year?

They're all tough. How much the loss of [Rick] Mahorn means to Detroit, only time will tell. Detroit has the most talent and depth. It's hard to tell, though. The Pistons look like the best on paper.

5 What would you like to look for in next year's draft to build a better team?

That would be like putting the cart before the horse. We need to see how we develop this year. As a young team, we'll be looking for top-flight players like Patrick Ewing or Akeem Olajuwon. There are not many like them, however.

6 Where do you see the Magic in five years?

We've got to take it one year at a time. A team really can change quickly. It's hard to tell. There's really no such thing as a five-year plan in the NBA. We would like to give the guys we have now a good opportunity to excel into the future.

7 What mistakes by the Miami Heat and Charlotte Hornets in developing a new team did you notice last year?

I wouldn't call anything they did a mistake. They had to play with what they had. So will we. They were the two biggest underdogs in the league. Both of those coaches [Miami's Ron Rothstein and Charlotte's Dick Harter] should be satisfied with their efforts.

8 How can an NBA coach avoid technical fouls?

In my case, I'd like to think that I have myself in control. You should always be in control. There are times when you should get the attention of officials to let them know when you're not pleased. That may cost you a technical. It's important to protect your players at times and get the crowd involved.

9 Excluding the exhibition season and team workouts, who do you see as your starting five when the season begins?

As far as I'm concerned, all jobs are up for grabs. I'm



“The fans in Miami and Charlotte have been very vocal. I would expect the same from our fans.”

looking for the players to compete in our practice sessions. Who finishes the game for me is just as important as who starts. I plan to work with different lineups to find the best unit.

10 Do you miss playing basketball?

I've been over that for a long time.

11 What's the most difficult chore for an NBA coach?

It's a damn good job. Besides coaching basketball, the job requires a lot of travel, media relations and public relations. I enjoy it, but the most difficult part is coming from a playing background. As a player, you concentrate on preparing yourself for the game. As a coach, you have to worry about the players, the assistant coaches, the schedule, the trainers, the opposition, etc.

12 How would you play Michael Jordan if you were coaching him?

He's one of those players who transcends position. He's a basketball player; the greatest in the game. Doug Collins [former Chicago Bulls coach] did a tremendous job with him. It's difficult to get other players to play with him because he can dominate the game. He's a coach's challenge.

13 Did Kareem Abdul-Jabbar play one too many seasons before retiring?

No. He probably could have played another couple years. For what he means to the [Los Angeles] Lakers they got the production from him that they needed. After all, they got to the finals.

14 Who was the best player when you were competing in the NBA?

In my early years in the NBA, it was Wilt Chamberlain [a teammate at Philadelphia] in the late '60s. Of course, Bill Russell, Oscar Robertson, Jerry West and Elgin Baylor were also the greatest stars when I was playing.

15 What's your favorite hobby outside basketball?

I used to be a tennis player, but I started to feel too many aches and pains. Then I got the golf bug. My hobby now is basketball.

16 What is your feeling about NBA draft picks and NBA players defecting to European teams?

I think it's a momentary disappointment for the league. You hate to see a player like Danny Ferry go to Italy. The league is not totally upset, however. I think we see how it [American players in Europe] will coincide with the NBA and provide more of an international focus on the game. Our players going to Europe creates more enthusiasm in Europe, and in the long run, that may benefit the NBA.

17 Why did you choose basketball?

I started with a basketball in my hand at age 3. Heck, I grew up in northeast Philadelphia. I like all sports. My neighborhood was the hotbed of basketball. I guess I got swept into it.

18 What can a coach do to combat drug and alcohol abuse in the NBA?

Our league is very, very strong on guidelines for the abuse of drugs. The players know these rules. As coaches, we have to be very watchful. We have to keep our eyes and ears open. We know some of the signs to look for. We'll check out a player's history before drafting or trading for him.

19 What do you like about Orlando?

I love the people and the town. I love the area; love the climate.

20 Does college basketball adequately prepare a player for the NBA?

It is our best place to draw talent from. Sometimes, college and the NBA are two different games. The rules are different. And there are a lot of good college players who can't make the NBA because of the level of talent required to compete in our league. I think college adequately prepares players for the NBA.

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AROUND THE NBA

WHAT'S HAPPENING ELSEWHERE?

San Antonio hopes to spur season-ticket sales with a three-hour telethon at Sea World in San Antonio. The highlights of the telethon are expected to be a game of H-O-R-S-E between Sean Elliott and Willie Anderson, and a duet by Terry Cummings and country-and-western singer Janie Fricke.

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Who said it was easy being an owner? Dallas Mavericks owner Donald Carter recently was released from the hospital after spinal-fusion surgery. It was the second time Carter required surgery after he injured his back in a plane crash in 1977.

Carter's plans for rehab? Two weeks on his yacht, The Lady C.

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The New Jersey 76ers?

The New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, which already has taken away three professional sports from New York, is attempting to bring

the 76ers to Camden.

The Authority's preliminary proposal calls for a 23,000-seat arena on 40 acres along the Camden riverfront. In exchange for moving the team from the Spectrum, owner Harold Katz would receive a long-term lease, share in revenues from rock concerts and other events, and would be exempt from paying state amusement taxes.

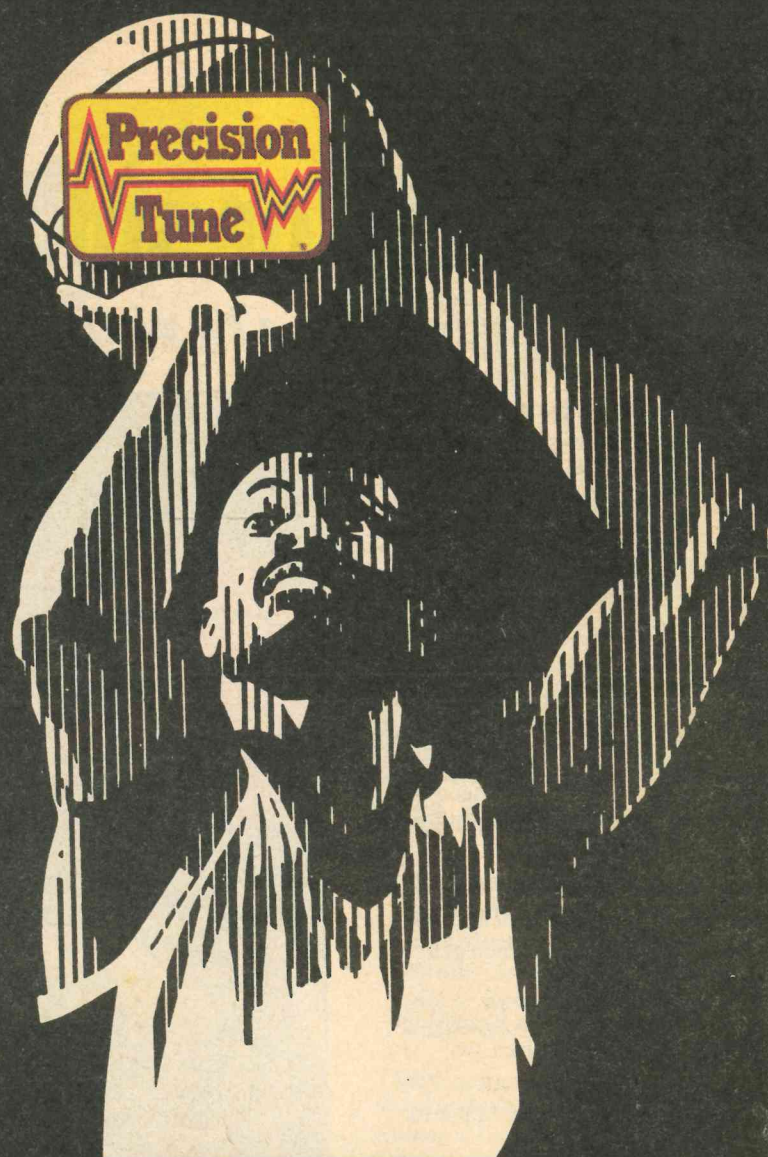
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Everybody makes mistakes — but this one could be costly for Sacramento.

Kings forward Jim Petersen, who missed eight games last season after undergoing surgery on his right knee, could miss the first two or three weeks of this season because of a mistake made by his doctor.

Petersen recently had to have surgery on the same knee when the doctor admitted he made a mistake. "He didn't cut it correctly," Petersen said. "That's why the scar tissue developed."

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CHRONICLES OF SID THE SAMARITAN

The grand philanthropy from a kid who grew up on the wrong side of the tracks

What the Orlando Magic see in power forward Sidney Green is a team leader and board crasher who will motivate his teammates on and off the court. While relishing that role, Green has an even broader vision for himself: to serve as a role model for the youth of Central Florida.

When he arrived in Central Florida in June as the Magic's No. 1 pick in the NBA expansion draft, Green walked into the Orlando Magic's front office and told team officials that one of his top priorities was to get involved with local youth.

Before leaving, he created "Sid's Special Kids," donating 20 tickets for each home game to underprivileged children in the community.

Green, who played power forward for the New York Knicks the past two seasons, made a similar gesture in 1987 when he returned to the Big Apple to play for his hometown team.

He immediately joined the "Knicks Summer Caravan," a group of players that travels around New York conducting basketball clinics for children. He also visited high schools, speaking against drugs and alcohol and urging students to graduate.

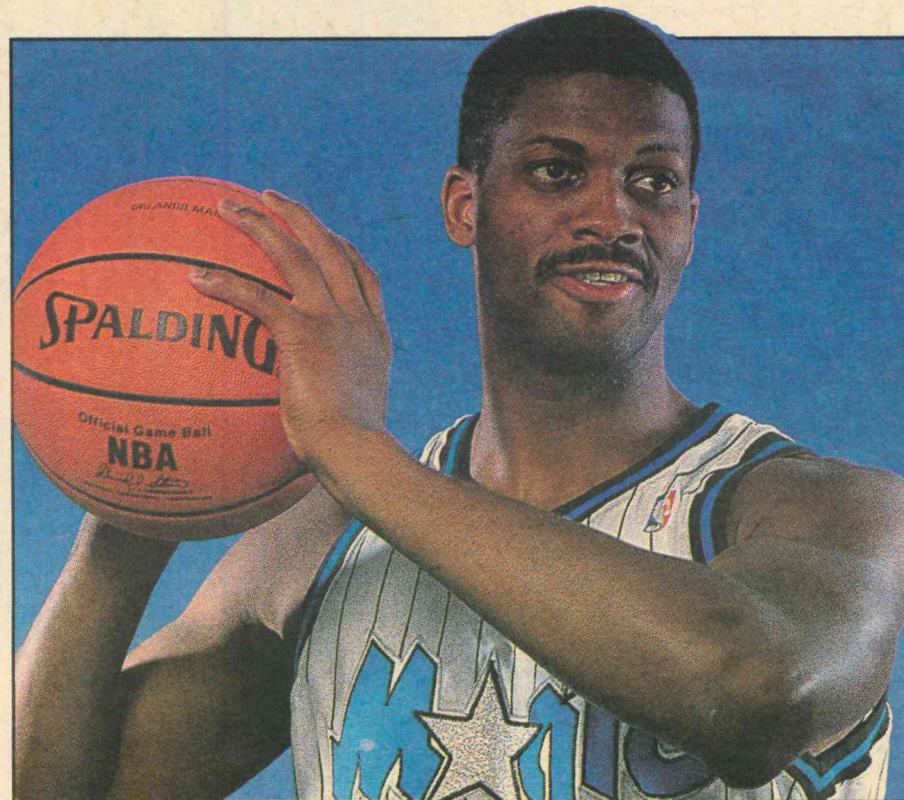
After learning that the varsity basketball uniforms had been stolen at his alma mater, Thomas Jefferson High School in Brooklyn, N.Y., Green donated 15 sets of new ones — home and away — to the school.

Call him Sid the Samaritan.

Those who know Green — and where he came from — understand why he's such a philanthropist. He grew up on the wrong side of the tracks and, after several derailments, landed on the right side. He wants to help those who aren't as fortunate.

"There are a lot of handicapped, emotionally disturbed and abused kids in the world, and I feel for them," said Green, 28, who received a degree in sociology from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. "I grew up around a bad environment. I learned my lessons the hard way."

Though many children would gladly



Power forward Sidney Green hopes to have his hands on the ball more often this season as a Magic man than he did as a Knick.

trade places with Green today, none would have wanted to trade places with him as a youngster.

The youngest of 11 children born to Lucretia and James Green, he had a childhood marred by poverty and tragedy. Money was always tough to come by for the Greens, who lived in a small apartment in East New York.

Lucretia had a full-time job at home, mothering a family the size of an NBA team. James, a grocery clerk, brought home what little bacon the family had.

Sidney never sulked. He abided by his mother's philosophy: "It's not what you have, it's how you keep it."

But Green's life changed drastically in high school — for the worst. In 1977 his father died of cancer, leaving the family without a breadwinner.

"It really shook me up," Green said. "He never got a chance to see me reach my potential."

Green was shaken more the following year. While he was fixing a snack late one evening, he heard a knock on the

door. A detective had come to deliver some tragic news: His brother Joseph had been murdered.

A disabled veteran, Joseph went out to cash a disability check and never came home. He was shot in the head.

With the help of his mother, whom he calls the most influential person in his life, Green overcame the problems of his past to become one of the top high school basketball players in New York, a second-team college All-American and the fifth player selected in the 1983 NBA draft.

"I have the perfect mother," Green said. "She is very strong. She instilled patience and enforcement. She made me feel that I'm just as good as anybody else. If not for her, I wouldn't be in the position I'm in today."

Green, 6 feet 9 inches tall, 220 pounds and a well-respected enforcer under the boards who craved for playing time with the Knicks, was just what the Magic wanted to start a franchise.

"Two of the things we were looking for in the expansion draft were scoring and rebounding, and Sidney was by far the best rebounder on the entire list," Magic Coach Matt Guokas said. "We also feel his scoring will increase with us, assuming he will get much more playing time."

Playing sparingly behind center Patrick Ewing and forward Charles Oakley last season, Green averaged 6.3 points and 5 rebounds a game for the Atlantic Division-champion Knicks. Loaded with big men, New York opted to leave Green unprotected in the expansion draft.

"Sidney played well here, and I think he handled a very difficult situation [lack of playing time] with a lot of class," Knicks General Manager Al Bianchi said. "We enjoyed having him here, and we'll miss him. But in all fairness to Sidney, how could you expect him to come and play just 12 to 14 minutes a game? He's a much better player than that. He played well and deserved more minutes, but we had a minutes problem on this team."

Although he was born and raised in New York, Green said he was happy to move to Central Florida with his wife, Diedra, whom he met in college, and their two children, LaShawn, 6, and Taurean, 3. The Greens have bought a home in Winter Springs.

"It's an honor to be the No. 1 pick," said Green, a six-year NBA veteran who played three seasons for the Chicago Bulls, one with the Detroit Pistons and two with the Knicks. "They see something in my abilities that they must like. I'm looking forward to exploiting that talent and showing everybody why I am the No. 1 pick."

A role player for the Knicks, Green said he expects to reach new heights with the Magic — especially offensively. The all-time leading rebounder and second-leading scorer at UNLV, he has averaged just 8.1 points and 6.2 rebounds a game in the NBA.

"If they let me loose, they'll see what I can do offensively," he said. "I can do a lot for this team."

Green's role off the court will be just as important to the Magic, who will look to him for leadership. "I hope to instill patience and a positive mental attitude

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A GAME FOR THE RECORD BOOKS

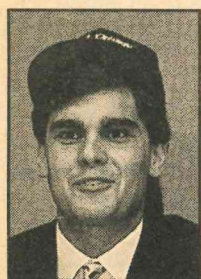
When Chip Caray broadcasts the Orlando Magic-Miami Heat game Nov. 28, he'll be part of an historic first in sports broadcasting.

Chip is the third generation of a family deep in broadcasting tradition.

Grandfather Harry is the legendary Chicago Cubs broadcaster who was inducted into baseball's Hall of Fame this summer. And father Skip is an Atlanta trademark, the longtime announcer for Atlanta Hawks basketball and Atlanta Braves baseball.

At that Magic-Heat game, for the first time, they'll all be covering the same event.

The game will be broadcast nationally



CHIP CARAY

for the Turner Network Television for which Skip is the play-by-play man. Harry will be brought in as part of the telecasts for TNT.

Chip will be broadcasting the game for the Magic's Sunshine Network.

Chip is not worried about family tradition or living up to certain expectations though.

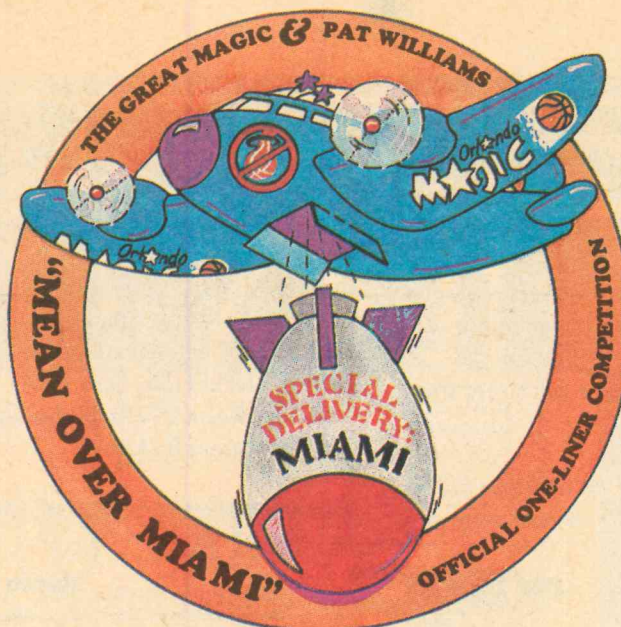
"I'm not them. I'll never be them. I don't want to be them," says Chip. "If people want to see Harry Caray, all they have to do is turn on WGN. If they want to see Skip Caray, they can turn on TBS. I'm not going to change my style."

Few TV personalities have the chance to experience the excitement of moving to a new city and becoming part of a new NBA broadcast team.

"This is the greatest thing that could have happened to my career. I've always dreamed of doing play-by-play for a professional organization," Chip said.

Chip's audition is something of a legend in the Magic front office.

Says Magic General Manager Pat Williams: "When I got Chip's audition tape, I thought it was very good. I played it for some others in the front office who were also impressed and even more surprised when I told them Chip had recorded the play-by-play audition as a fan in the stands of a North Carolina-Duke basketball game. It sounded so good they didn't believe me." ★



SEND MIAMI ONE-LINERS

The best anti-Heat zingers win great prizes

Magic General Manager Pat Williams once said he knew a family that moved to Miami and got fired on by the Welcome Wagon.

He also said that the three ways to pay for anything in Miami is cash, charge or stick 'em up.

Additionally, he said Miamians are so tough that they bowl overhand.

And furthermore, he said he's seen occupational therapy groups that make more baskets than the Miami Heat.

In all of sports, Williams is the undisputed king of the one-liners. And Miami unarguably has become his No. 1 one-liner target.

You might call Williams the Dave Barry of Orlando. Barry is the *Miami Herald* columnist who wrote that Orlandoans are "low-forehead nose-picking yahoos."

He also bemoaned Orlando's "anti-

Miami smear campaign that reached a disgusting level of irresponsible cheap-shot gutter-dwelling slimeball viciousness that has rarely been seen in this nation except during presidential campaigns."

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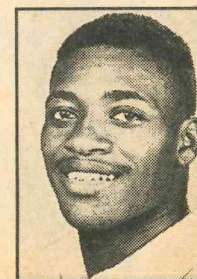
This is a new beginning for me, it's going to be an adjustment but I'm looking forward to it. I'm happy to be a part of this team. I'm going to try my darndest to make this a success."

— Forward Sidney Green



I couldn't be happier. It's a new team, the city's going to be buzzing and since we're playing in the Central Division (in 1989-90) it's almost going to be like playing at home."

— Guard Sam Vincent



I'm as happy as can be. I'm looking forward to the opportunity. I'm proud to be a Magic player . . . we can grow together.

— No. 1 draft pick Nick Anderson

ASK THE MAGIC

ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

Who owns the Orlando Magic?

Tom Ermin
Daytona Beach

William duPont III is the majority owner of the Orlando Magic. Pillar-Bryton Sports Inc. also owned by duPont, is the general partner. There are also several limited partners.

Is there any particular hotel that NBA teams will most likely choose while visiting Orlando?

John Feehan
St. Petersburg

No. In the NBA, the head team trainer is usually responsible for coordinating all travel arrangements and accommodations for the club. Magic Head Trainer Lenny Currier says that there are many determining factors in selecting hotels when traveling.

Proximity to arena and airport are two key elements. There are a few requirements set by the league that

must be met in arranging hotels accommodations. For instance, because of the average height of NBA players, teams are required to provide beds that fit an individual player's needs.

The NBA also requires players to stay in premium hotels. With this in mind, there is not a particular hotel in the Orlando area that teams will select over another.

In which NBA division and conference will the Magic compete? Who are the other teams in that division?

Mike Zilberfarb
Tampa

In the 1989-90 NBA season, the Magic will compete in the Eastern Conference — in the league's toughest division (Central). This division includes the World Champion Detroit Pistons, Atlanta Hawks, Chicago Bulls, Cleveland Cavaliers, Indiana Pacers and Milwaukee Bucks. In the second season, the Magic will shift to the Midwest Division of the

Western Conference. The Dallas Mavericks, Denver Nuggets, Houston Rockets, Minnesota Timberwolves, San Antonio Spurs and Utah Jazz make up that division.

In 1991-92, the Magic will move to — and settle in — the Atlantic Division of the Eastern Conference with the Boston Celtics, Miami Heat, New Jersey Nets, New York Knicks, Philadelphia 76ers and Washington Bullets.

What team names were considered other than the "Magic?"

Rhonda Givens
Gainesville

After receiving more than 4,300 entries — generated by a local contest to name the NBA club — the name Magic was selected from among four finalists. The other three finalists for the team name were Tropics, Juice and believe it or not — Heat.

How many times can we expect to see the

Lakers in Orlando in 1989-90? What about the Celtics and Pistons?

Gerald Paul
Miami

The Lakers will make only one appearance in the Orlando Arena, as will all other Western Conference teams. The Celtics and the Pistons will each make two trips to Orlando during the regular season, as will every other Eastern Conference team.

What color uniforms will the Magic wear at home? What about on the road?

Allan S. Thomas III
Lakeland

The Magic will wear white uniforms with black pinstripes when playing in the Orlando Arena. The team will wear black uniforms with white pinstripes on the road.

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HOW IT WORKS

PISTONS' FIST PLAY

BY JOHN GABRIEL

One of the things that makes scouting NBA teams a little easier is that often they will use the same plays with minor variations.

Many times an NBA coach will use a certain set to isolate one of his key players. The play we call "Fist," diagrammed here, is an example of that.

No one team used this play to its advantage more last year than the Detroit Pistons. They ran this play for their supersub, Vinnie Johnson, who came off the bench to help lift them to a World Championship.

Here's how it works:

The players are numbered according to their positions: 1 is the point guard; 2, shooting guard; 3, small forward; 4, power forward; and 5, center.

To start the play, 1 dribbles up the center of the floor.

While doing that, 5 and 4 set picks for 2 and 3.

Then, 3 sets the first part of the double pick for 2, for whom the play is set up.

The 2 man will make a decision according to the way he is guarded: either come up off picks set by 3 and 5 or come up the same side off 4.

The 1 guard delivers the pass to 2 just as he is getting open for his first option, a jump shot, or second option, a drive back into the lane for a layup.

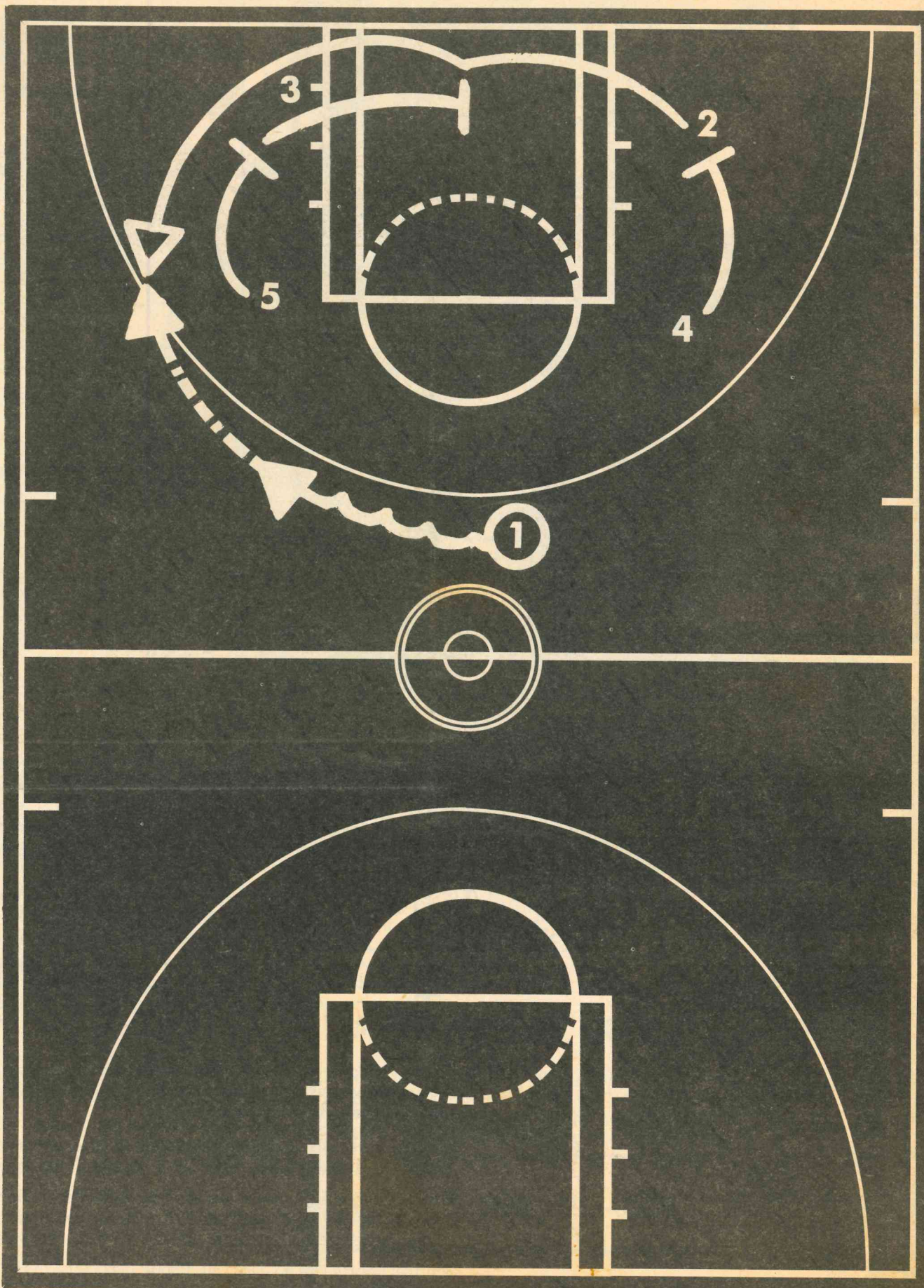
John Gabriel is director of scouting for the Orlando Magic.

WHAT'D HE SAY?

PICK — The legal action of a player who, without causing undue contact, delays or prevents an opponent from reaching a desired position. (To put it simply, steps in front of an opponent.)

PIVOT — A pivot takes place when a player who is holding the ball steps once or more than once in any direction with the same foot, the other foot, called the pivot foot, being kept at its point of contact with the floor.

PENALTY — When a team commits more than the limit of four fouls per quarter they are considered to be in the penalty situation. When a team commits the fifth and each successive foul in a quarter, the opposition is awarded two free throws.



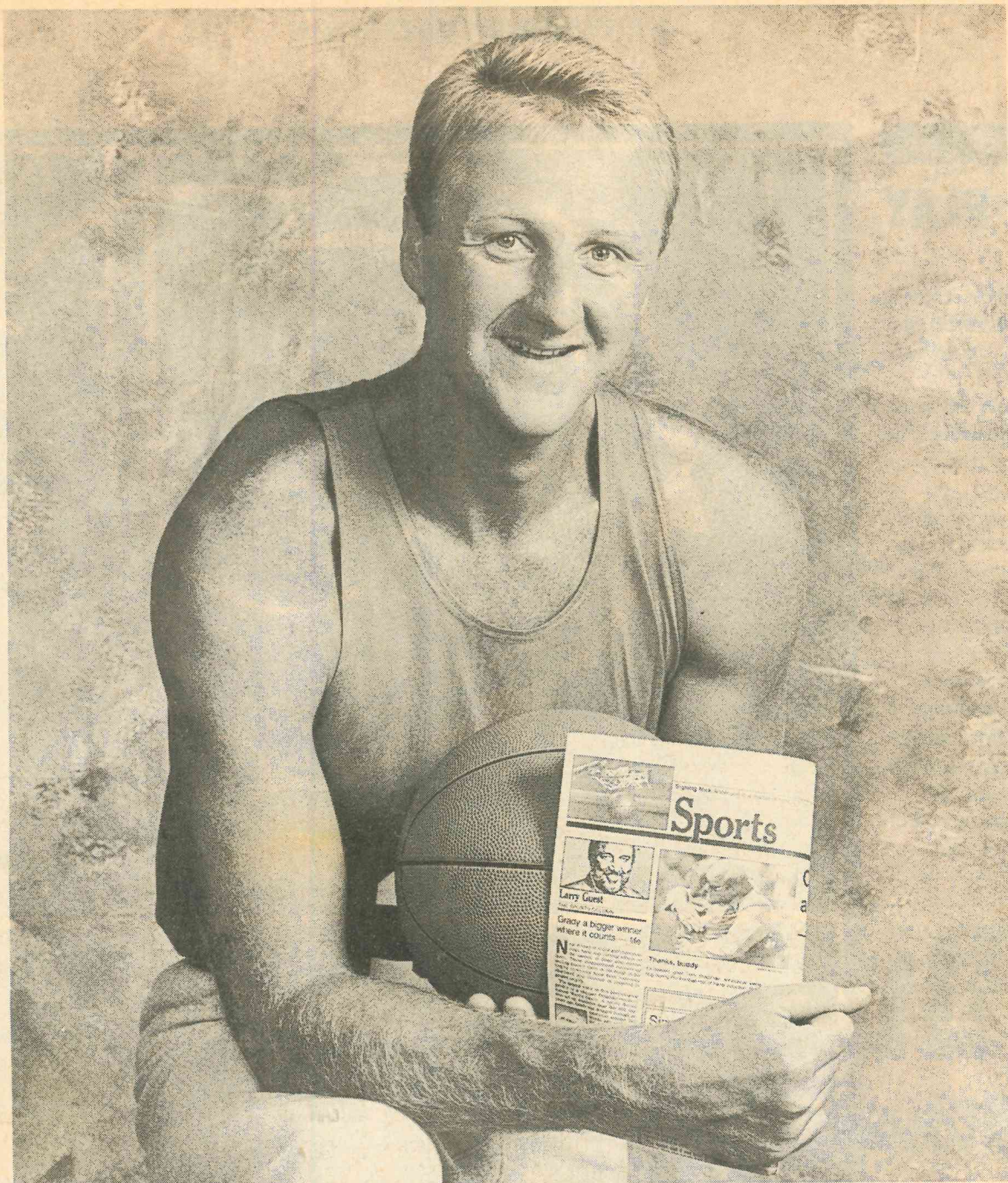
PLAYING BY THE RULES

If Sam Vincent were to take a shot and an opposing player came into contact with his hand and the ball in the act of shooting, is the contact considered a personal foul?

No. The hand is considered part of the ball and making contact is not considered a violation.

— NBA RULE BOOK

After a season of injuries Larry Bird comes back.



"AS SOON AS I FELT GOOD, I STARTED SHOOTING. THAT'S HOW I GOT BACK INTO THE FLOW OF THE GAME—WITHOUT THROWING A BUNCH OF BRICKS."

—Larry Bird

Boston Celtics forward Larry Bird played just six games last season because of heel surgery. During one of Bird's first scrimmages this season, he fractured a bone in his back.

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THRILLS, CHILLS AND MUCH MORE

A typical day in the life of the 'glamour' department

If I've heard it once, I've heard it a thousand times. Working in promotions for the Orlando Magic... what an exciting, glamorous, fun job. How thrilling to be right in the middle of all the action. Meeting and even touching the players. Planning opening night. It's a dream job. Right?

Well, yes... and no. Read on, but only if the truth doesn't hurt.

The scenario: The day before opening night — in the Magic promotions department.



9 a.m. — Cari Haught, director of promotions, arrives in the

Magic offices pumped up for what lies ahead, the biggest night of her career. Opening night, which will mark the culmination of three long years of hard work. Haught opens her office door.

"Hi'ya honey. You must be Terry Howt."

"That's Cari Haught. And you are?"

"Coats. Rusty Coats is my name and musty goats is my game. Meet Ninny and Whinny, better known as Rusty's Musty Goats. We're here to audition for halftime of the opening night game."

"I'm afraid we've already lined up our entertainment, but we'll definitely keep you in mind for future games."

"But, wait a minute, you haven't seen the act."

11:15 a.m. — Cheryl Tackett, administrative assistant, is sorting mail. The telephone rings, as it does every 30 seconds in the promotions department.

"Promotions."

"Hi'ya. Is this promotions for the Orlando Magics?"

"That's what I said. Whad'ya want? Something for nothing? You've got a great idea that will generate millions of dollars? You

have the most unique, one-of-a-kind giveaway item I have ever seen?"

"How did you know?"

"Hold on, I'll transfer you."

"Hello, Jodie Pennington."

(Jodie is the assistant promotions director AND Magic Girl choreographer.)

"Hellooo, darlin'. This is Sam Ham the giveaway man, and have I got a giveaway for you."

"Let me guess, it's the most unique, one-of-a-kind item I have ever seen."

"Yeah. For just \$66.66 per unit every Magic fan on opening night can have their very own Orlando Magic widget! Can I bring an order blank right over?"

"I'm sorry Mr. Ham, but we've already ordered our giveaway."

"But wait a minute."

2:30 p.m. — Mike "Super Intern" Marini answers the day's fan mail. There are the typical requests, but then Mike comes across a package that's sopping wet and smells of garlic. He opens it.

"Dear U.S.A. Magic Team,

My name is Hans Wang. I am a German boy of Chinese descent living in Italy. My grandmother, Olga, make wonderful spaghetti sauce. I've sent you a sample. Try it. You'll like it. I come to your country to sell spaghetti sauce and attend brain surgery school. Can you help?

5:15 — Betty Johnson, head of the Magic Talent Network, is ready to go home. The phone rings.

"I'm calling to see if we can get your entire organization to make an appearance at our event."

"When is your event, sir?"

"Tomorrow."

"I'm sorry, but we're booked into the year 2012."

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A look at the Magic

Mark Acres

NBA CAREER STATISTICS

Year	FG-FGA	FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	Pts.	Avg.	Rebs.
1987-88	108-203	53.2	71-111	64.0	287	3.6	270
1988-89	55-114	48.2	26-48	54.2	137	2.2	146
Totals	163-317	51.4	97-149	65.1	424	3.0	431

Nick Anderson

COLLEGE CAREER STATISTICS

Year	FG-FGA	FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	Pts.	Avg.	Rebs.
1987-88	223-390	57.0	77-120	64.0	525	15.9	217
1988-89	262-487	54.0	99-148	67.0	647	18.0	285
Totals	485-877	55.0	176-268	66.0	1172	17.0	502

Michael Ansley

COLLEGE CAREER STATISTICS

Year	FG-FGA	FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	Pts.	Avg.	Rebs.
1985-86	87-144	60.4	21-39	53.8	195	5.9	140
1986-87	145-243	59.7	73-109	67.0	363	11.0	259
1987-88	218-389	56.4	125-171	73.1	561	18.1	285
1988-89	255-446	57.2	119-155	76.8	630	20.3	284
Totals	705-1222	57.7	338-474	71.3	1749	13.7	968

Terry Catledge

NBA CAREER STATISTICS

Year	FG-FGA	FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	Pts.	Avg.	Rebs.
1985-86	202-431	46.9	90-139	64.7	494	7.7	272
1986-87	413-835	49.5	199-335	59.4	1025	13.1	560
1987-88	296-585	50.6	154-235	65.5	746	10.7	397
1988-89	334-681	49.0	153-254	60.2	822	10.4	572
Totals	1245-2532	49.2	596-963	61.9	3909	13.4	1801

Dave Corzine

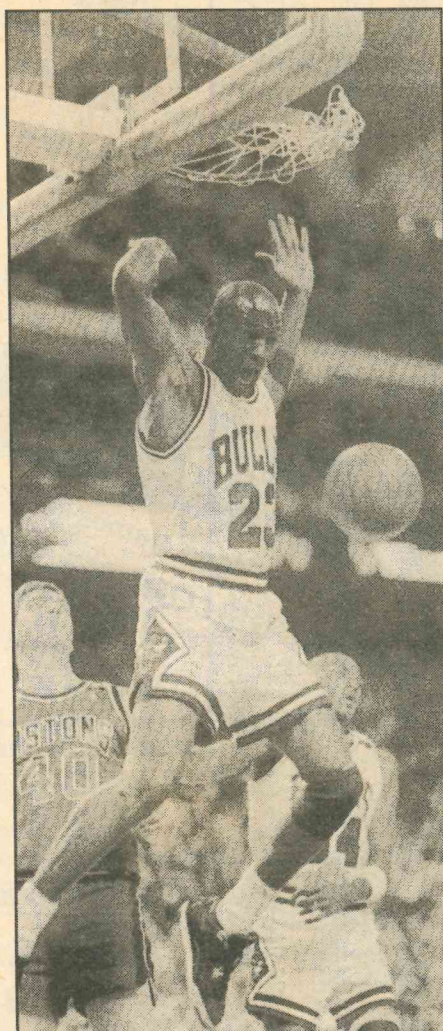
NBA CAREER STATISTICS

Year	FG-FGA	FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	Pts.	Avg.	Rebs.
1978-79	63-118	53.4	48-63	77.8	175	3.0	147
1979-80	90-216	41.7	45-68	66.2	225	2.9	270
1980-81	366-747	49.0	125-175	71.4	857	10.5	636
1981-82	336-648	51.9	158-213	74.6	832	10.1	629
1982-83	457-920	49.7	232-322	72.0	1146	14.0	717
1983-84	385-824	46.7	231-275	84.0	1004	12.2	575
1984-85	276-568	48.6	149-200	74.5	701	8.5	422
1985-86	255-519	49.1	127-171	74.3	640	9.6	433
1986-87	294-619	47.5	95-129	73.6	683	8.3	540
1987-88	344-715	48.1	115-153	75.2	804	10.1	527
1988-89	203-440	46.1	71-96	74.0	479	5.9	315
Totals	3069-6334	48.4	1398-1865	74.9	7546	8.8	5211

Sidney Green

NBA CAREER STATISTICS

Year	FG-FGA	FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	Pts.	Avg.	Rebs.
1983-84	100-228	43.9	55-77	71.4	255	5.2	174
1984-85	108-250	43.2	79-98	80.6	295	6.1	246
1985-86	407-875	46.5	262-335	78.2	1,076	13.5	658
1986-87	256-542	47.2	119-177	67.2	631	7.9	653
1987-88	258-585	44.1	126-190	66.3	642	7.8	642
1988-89	194-422	46.0	129-170	75.9	517	6.3	394
Totals	1323-2902	45.6	770-1047	73.5	3416	8.1	2890



Bulls' Jordan was tops in '88-'89.

NBA's 1988-89 final statistical leaders

Scoring

Player, team	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Jordan, Chicago	81	966	674	2633	32.5
Malone, Utah	80	809	703	2326	29.1
Ellis, Seattle	82	857	377	2253	27.5
Drexler, Portland	78	829	438	2123	27.2
Mullin, Golden St.	82	830	493	2176	26.5
English, Denver	82	924	325	2175	26.5
Wilkins, Atlanta	80	814	442	2099	26.2
Barkley, Philadelphia	79	700	602	2037	25.8
Chambers, Phoenix	81	774	509	2085	25.7
Olajuwon, Houston	82	790	454	2034	24.8
Cummings, Milwaukee	80	730	362	1829	22.9
Ewing, New York	80	727	361	1815	22.7
Tripucka, Charlotte	71	568	440	1606	22.6
McHale, Boston	78	661	436	1758	22.5
Johnson, LA Lakers	77	579	513	1730	22.5

Assists

Player, team	G	AST	AVG
Stockton, Utah	82	1118	13.6
Johnson, LA Lakers	77	988	12.8
K. Johnson, Phoenix	81	991	12.2
Porter, Portland	81	770	9.5
McMillan, Seattle	75	636	9.3
Floyd, Houston	82	709	8.6
Jackson, New York	72	619	8.6
Price, Cleveland	75	631	8.4
Thomas, Detroit	80	663	8.3
Jordan, Chicago	81	650	8.0
Lever, Denver	71	559	7.9
Bogues, Charlotte	79	620	7.8
Cheeks, Philadelphia	71	554	7.8
K. Smith, Sacramento	81	621	7.7
Conner, New Jersey	82	604	7.4

Rebounds

Player, team	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Olajuwon, Houston	82	338	767	1105	13.5
Barkley, Philadelphia	79	403	583	986	12.5
Parish, Boston	80	342	654	996	12.5
Malone, Atlanta	81	386	570	956	11.8
Malone, Utah	80	259	594	853	10.7
Oakley, Chicago	82	343	518	861	10.5
Eaton, Utah	82	227	616	843	10.3
Thorpe, Houston	82	272	515	787	9.6
Laimbeer, Detroit	81	138	638	776	9.6
Cage, Seattle	80	276	489	765	9.6
Thompson, Indiana	76	224	494	718	9.4
Rodman, Detroit	82	327	445	772	9.4
B. Williams, New Jersey	74	249	447	696	9.4
Gminski, Philadelphia	82	213	556	769	9.4
Rambis, Charlotte	75	269	434	703	9.4

Blocked shots

Player, team	G	BLK	AVG
Bol, Golden St.	80	345	4.31
Eaton, Utah	82	315	3.84
Ewing, New York	80	281	3.51
Olajuwon, Houston	82	282	3.44
Nance, Cleveland	73	206	2.82
Benjamin, LA Clippers	79	221	2.80
Cooper, Denver	79	211	2.67
West, Phoenix	82	187	2.28
Lister, Seattle	82	180	2.20
Smits, Indiana	82	151	1.84
Williams, Dallas	76	134	1.76
Williams, Cleveland	82	134	1.63
Hinson, New Jersey	82	121	1.48
Parish, Boston	80	116	1.44
Thompson, Miami	79	105	1.33

Frank Johnson

NBA CAREER STATISTICS

Year	FG-FGA	FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	Pts.	Avg.	Rebs.
1981-82	336-812	41.4	153-204	75.0	842	10.7	380
1982-83	321-766	40.8	196-261	75.1	852	12.5	549
1983-84	392-840	46.7	187-252	74.2	982	12.0	567
1984-85	358-925	48.9	72-96	75.0	428	9.3	143
1985-86	154-402	44.8	38-54	70.4	176	12.6	76
1986-87	128-399	46.1	35-49	71.4	153	8.5	58
1987-88	216-498	43.4	121-149	81.2	554	7.4	188
1988-89	109-246	44.3	75-93	80.6	294	4.4	181
Totals	2014-4908	41.0	877-1158	75.7	4281	9.5	2,142

Jerry Reynolds

NBA CAREER STATISTICS

Year	FG-FGA	FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	Pts.	Avg.	Rebs.
1985-86	72-162	44.4	58-104	55.8	203	3.7	86
1986-87	140-356	39.3	118-184	64.1	404	7.0	106
1987-88	188-419	44.9	119-154	77.3	404	8.0	104
1988-89	149-357	41.7	127-167	76.0	428	7.6	100
Totals	549-1294	42.4	422-609	69.3	1533	6.6	513

Scott Skiles

NBA CAREER STATISTICS

Year	FG-FGA	FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	Pts.	Avg.	Rebs.
1986-87	18-62	29.0	10-12	83.3	49	3.8	3.8

1987-88	86-209	41.1	45-54	83.3	223	4.4	66
1988-89	198-442	44.8	130-144	90.3	546	6.8	149
Totals	302-713	42.4	185-210	88.1	818	5.7	241

Otis Smith

NBA CAREER STATISTICS

Year	FG-FGA	FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	Pts.	Avg.	Rebs.
1986-87	33-79	41.8	12-21	57.1	78	2.8	34
1987-88	325-662	49.1	178-229	77.7	841	11.7	247
1988-89	311-715	43.5	174-218	79.8	803	10.0	330
Totals	669-1456	45.9	364-468	77.8	1722	9.5	611

Reggie Theus

NBA CAREER STATISTICS

Year	FG-FGA	FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	Pts.	Avg.	Rebs.
1978-79	537-1119	48.0	264-347	76.1	1338	16.3	228
1979-80	566-1172	48.3	500-597	83.8	1660	20.2	329
1980-81	543-1097	49.5	445-550	80.9	1549	18.9	287
1981-82	560-1194	46.9	363-449	80.8	1508	18.4	312
1982-83	749-1567	47.8	434-542	80.1	1953	23.8	300
1983-84	262-625	41.9	214-281	76.2	745	12.2	129
1984-85	501-1029	48.7	334-387	86.3	1341	16.4	270
1985-86	546-1137	48.0	405-490	82.7	1503	18.3	304
1986-87	577-1223	47.2	429-495	86.7	1600	20.3	266
1987-88	619-1318	47.0	320-385	83.1	1574	21.6	232
1988-89	497-1067	46.6	285-335	85.1	1296	15.8	242
Totals	5957-12548	47.5	3993-4858	82.2	16067	18.4	2899

Jeff Turner

NBA CAREER STATISTICS

Year	FG-FGA	FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	Pts.	Avg.	Rebs.
1984-85	171-377	45.4	79-92	85.9	421	5.8	218
1985-86	84-171	49.1	58-78	74.4	226	4.3	137
1986-87	151-325	46.5	76-104	73.1	378	5.0	197
Totals	406-873	46.5	213-274	77.7	1025	5.1	552

TIMEOUT

SUNNI DeNICOLA



The Magic Girls will perform at halftime during 12 games this year.

JAZZING UP CENTER COURT

Magic Girls, the franchise's other athletes, take the spotlight

The Orlando Magic won't be the only professional athletes that fans will see on the court this year. They'll also see some spectacular performances from the Magic Girls, the franchise's 19-member dance team.

For the past year, the Magic Girls have been working hard to perfect the routines that will be seen during halftime and timeouts at the games. These women are not cheerleaders, but dancers, ages 18 to 28, with an average of 15 years' experience. Most have studied dance, specializing in jazz, gymnastics and ballet, and are experienced performers.

This year the Magic Girls are scheduled to perform at halftime during 12 of the 43 games at Orlando Arena. They will dance to music ranging from favorite oldies to more fast-paced contemporary hits.

The games are not the only time the public will see the Magic Girls. They also conduct promotional performances. In fact, from late November 1988 to late July 1989, they had 122 bookings. These appearances included performances at trade shows, employee meetings, schools and company picnics.

The Magic Girls were selected last year after a series of tryouts drew 350 women from across Central Florida.

Team hopefuls were asked to perform a two-minute routine designed to encompass a variety of critical, strenuous moves. They were screened by a panel of judges and Jodie Pennington, the Magic Girls choreographer and seasoned pro.

"I was not only looking for skill, I was looking for style," Pennington said. "I took 19 different styles. They all have something unique to give to the squad."

Three of the women, along with Pennington, have been on basketball dance teams, one with the

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STEPPING OUT

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University of Florida Dazzlers and two with Florida State University's Golden Girls.

Some of the other Magic Girls' backgrounds were a bit different. Darla Hancock owned her own dance studio in Sebring, which she closed in order to move and join the team.

April Chernin competed in the 1989 Miss Florida contest where her dancing ability led to her winning a talent scholarship. Sandy and Jenny Buchanan are twins who share not only a dancing talent but also the job of substitute teaching in Winter Haven.

Georgia Hovdesven trained in classical ballet and now models and works in commercials. In August she did two national commercials, one for McDonald's and the other for a cruise line.

Five of the women are married, and all hold full-time jobs outside of their Magic obligations. Eight have graduated from college; two will this year, and three are planning to go back soon.

While all these differences are important, Pennington feels that it is vital that they pull together as a team. That was the main reason the team was organized one year before the first game actually would be played.

"They need to function as a unit; they need to know exactly what the person standing next to them is going to do, when they'll do it and how much space to allow them," Pennington said. That takes lots of practice. The Magic Girls are put through rigorous workouts at least twice a



The 19 Magic Girls were selected during a series of tryouts that drew 350 women.

week from 7 to 10 p.m. Pennington choreographs about 80 percent of the routines but encourages team members also to try their hand at choreography.

"Most of them want to do more than dance; they

want to come up with some routines of their own," Pennington says. "I let them take over at some of the practices and put together some moves using their own style. Some of these will be used for game performances, because the variety is nice for the audience."

Pennington says that this year of hard work is paying off. Now routines that once would have taken five weeks to master take them only one or two evenings to learn. But there is one drawback to having formed so far ahead of time — keeping up the enthusiasm.

To keep team morale high, Pennington videotaped some of their practices or showed tapes of other professional dance teams. Sometimes they watch dance films, such as *A Chorus Line*.

"They get excited watching these performances and then critiquing them," Pennington said. "Then they are ready to go back in for more practice."

In spite of the hard work, the 19 agree that what keeps them going is their love for dance. Most decided not to pursue other types of professional dancing careers but didn't want to lose their abilities.

Even though they are extremely talented, Pennington wants the fans to know that the Magic Girls are still friendly and approachable — the type of people you can talk to.

"When young girls watch professional sports, there are no role models for them," says Pennington. "I want the Magic Girls to serve as role models for them. These women are very talented, wholesome athletes that are having fun at what they do and giving of themselves to the community." ★

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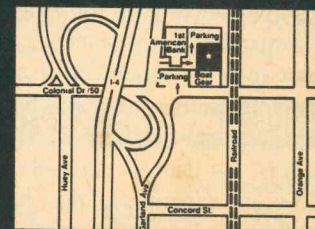
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8	9 Magic Training Camp Downtown Orlando Rec. Complex 4 p.m.* Matt Guokas Show 6:30 p.m. WWNZ 740 AM	10	11 Magic Training Camp Downtown Orlando Rec. Complex 4 p.m.* Meet the Magic Autograph Party - Church Street Station 6:30-8 p.m.	12 Magic Training Camp Downtown Orlando Rec. Complex 4 p.m.*	13 Preseason game vs. Detroit Pistons Orlando Arena 7:30 p.m.**	14 Preseason game vs. Detroit Pistons Leon County Civic Center, Tallahassee 9 p.m.
15	16 Matt Guokas Show 6:30 p.m. WWNZ 740 AM	17	18	19	20	21 Preseason game vs. Mavericks Orlando Arena 7:30 p.m.**
22 Preseason game vs. Miami Heat Daytona Beach Ocean Center 7:30 p.m.	23 Matt Guokas Show 6:30 p.m. WWNZ 740 AM	24 Preseason game vs. Philadelphia 76ers Lakeland Civic Center 7:30 p.m.	25	26	27 Preseason game vs. Atlanta Tampa Sun Dome 7:30 p.m.	28 Preseason game vs. Atlanta Gainesville O'Connell Center 7:30 p.m.
29	30 Preseason game vs. Cleveland Cavaliers Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Coliseum 7:30 p.m. Matt Guokas Show	31 Stuff the Magic Dragon Birthday Party Halloween party for underprivileged children Downtown Orlando Rec. Center 7 p.m.	1	2 Community Business Breakfast with NBA Commissioner David Stern Omni International Hotel 7a.m.	3	4 Opening Night vs. New Jersey Orlando Arena 7:30 p.m. **

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STREAK OF LUCK

Seven weeks ago the Magic had no players. But just about everything that could go right or wrong since then has gone right, and in the wake of the team's performance in the South Summer League it is beginning to look like the Magic have a chance to be very good, perhaps exceptional, for an expansion team.

Dick Scanlon
Lakeland Ledger

COMING IN FIRST

The Orlando Magic had a coach before the Miami Heat had one, cheerleaders before there were Heat dancers and a mascot before there was a Heat mascot. Now, they have a chance to win 25 games in a season before Miami does.

Brian Biggane
Palm Beach Post

BAD MOVE

By taking UCLA point guard

Pooh Richardson with the 10th choice, Minnesota made its worst basketball move since the Lakers left for California.

Jack Ebling
Lansing (Mich.) State Journal

STAR POTENTIAL

The Magic's chemistry? We could be talking nuclear explosion. The Magic players? Strictly AKC-registered.

Dan Barreiro
Minneapolis Star Tribune

A BIG ROLE

From page 22

to every member of the team, the organization and the fans," he said. "They all have to be positive."

Teammate Sam Vincent, former point guard for the Chicago Bulls, said Green should be a great role model.

"From an outsider looking in, I used to see him as an intimidating force," Vincent said. "He was the type of guy who would set tough picks and knock guys down, the type you stay away from. But once you get to know him and spend time with him, you can see that it was just a role. He's a great guy, very easy to get along with. He will be a great key for everything we do."

But nobody will appreciate Green more than the hundreds of "Special Kids" who will sit in his donated seats at Orlando Arena to watch him play.

"I thank God for giving me the ability to entertain people," Green said. "I always told myself that if I become successful, I would give something back. Now I have the chance." ★

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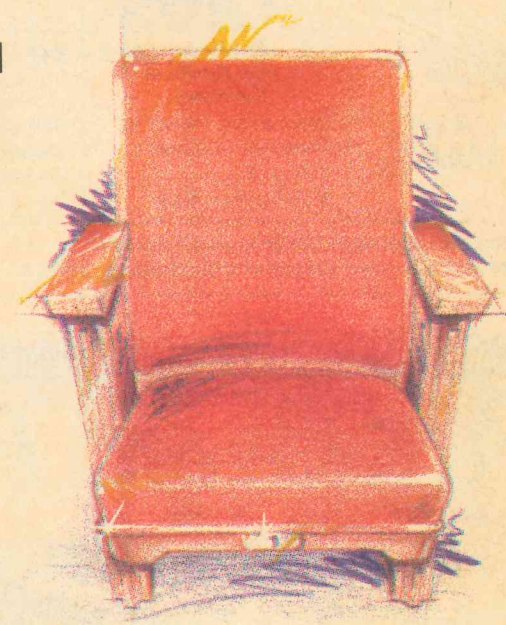
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